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Gathering of Nations draws 1,000s Mr. Olguin goes to Washington



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Gathering of Nations Powwow came together for the 29th consecutive year in Albuquerque from Thursday, April 26 through Saturday, April 28. Attendees celebrated with dance throughout the weekend in the University of New Mexico's arena, The Pit.

For more photos, see pages 14 and 15.



Colo. reps seek national monument status for Chimney Rock

Media release
U.S. Congress

U.S. Sens. Michael Bennet and Mark Udall and U.S. Rep. Scott Tipton of Colorado have asked President Obama to explore options to give Chimney Rock the recognition and protection it deserves by making it a national monument in a letter sent Friday, April 20.

They are asking the administration to engage in a discussion with the local community to determine whether it should use its authority under the Antiquities Act of 1906 to declare Chimney Rock a national monument.

"Chimney Rock is considered by many to be the most significant cultural site managed by the Forest Service nationwide, yet it lacks a designation equal to that stature," the letter read. "A national monument designation would not only give Chimney Rock the true recognition it deserves, but would also help secure the economic future of the region."

A number of local stakeholders support this request to have the president explore exercising his authority to declare Chimney Rock a national monument. Ross Aragón, mayor of Pagosa
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Tribal youth hunt first gobblers



photo courtesy J. Thomas Salidas/NWTF

After years of discussion, a turkey hunt for the youth of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe became a reality. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Wildlife Division in conjunction with the National Wild Turkey Federation brought together the youth of the tribe and mentors for a two-day hunt on April 28 and 29. The hunt was filmed and will be broadcast at a later time. Producer Jamie Hutchinson, (above) sits with Keifer GoodTracks-Alires as they prepare their lines of sight to shoot a turkey. Mentor and guide Zach Rock (left) demonstrates proper gun handling just prior to moving out to set up, and call in a turkey. See more turkey hunt photos on page 10 of this issue.

photo Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum



What do your tribal leaders do in D.C.?

By Ace Stryker
The Southern Ute Drum

The jet touches down at about 9 p.m. on a small runway at a rural airport 40 miles southwest of Washington, D.C. The bleary-eyed passengers, five of them, disembark down the narrow stepway of the Hawker 700A and peer out at the first open space they've encountered for 2,000 miles. It's dark already. They stretch and collect their bags from a pile by the wing.

Two well-dressed men are waiting nearby before a pair of black sedans; they greet the group with professional smiles and load their bags into the trunks of the cars. In tired silence, the recently freed passengers shuffle back into their new seats for the next leg of the trip. It's another hour from Dulles Aviation in Manassas, Va., to the downtown hotel, a hip place called The Liaison just blocks from the U.S. Capitol building. During their blitzkrieg of a three-day trip, though, the men will not have time to enjoy the ambiance.

The long, highly technical conversations that began on the plane pick up again in the cars, weary though the passengers are. There's precious little time to prepare for the events of the next few days, and each moment not spent reviewing testimony or preparing answers for anticipated questions is a moment wasted.

What evidence is there that hydraulic fracturing has caused groundwater contamination in the past? How exactly did the Bureau of Land Management violate its consultation policy when it drew up these new regulations? Where is the significant connection between the Ramah Navajo case before the Supreme Court and the Southern Ute case?

As the cars eventually roll up to the front of the hotel, the passengers unfurl onto the quiet street. It's a cool Tuesday night in April; apart from the occasional cluster of weeknight pub-goers, the nation's capital has gone to bed. The men gather their belongings and stop by the front desk for their room keys. One by one, they disappear up the elevator. Early start tomorrow, better hit the hay.

It's been a long day, but the Southern Ute Indian Tribe delegation's trip to D.C. is just beginning.

Crossing the T's

I'm the last one to arrive at breakfast downstairs the following morning. Already seated are the other members of the group: Monte Mills, the young, laid-back head of the Southern Ute Legal Department; Steve Boos, a bowtie-clad attorney with a perpetual half-grin from the Durango firm Bradford, Maynes, Shipps & Shettel; Kyle Siesser, a geologist with the tribe's Energy Department and the resident technical expert; and Vice Chairman James M. Olguin of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council, the studious but warm-natured leader of

the group and designee to give critical testimony in Congress the following day.

Each member of the group is here to support Olguin and make sure he's equipped with the information he needs to be effective. Also at the table is Ray Kogovsek, a former member of the U.S. House of Representatives for Colorado and, nowadays, a lobbyist for the tribe. Ray's easygoing demeanor and colorful stories of inside Washington quickly endear him to the group; the fact that he foots the breakfast bill doesn't hurt, either.

It's Wednesday, April 18, and though the hearings in the House and Senate aren't scheduled until Thursday, the schedule is packed. After reviewing Olguin's testimony on fracking rules proposed by the BLM — the first of two issues he'll address — and tossing around suggestions for improving its flow, the morning meal wraps up and the group splits in two.

Mills, Boos and the Drum head to the U.S. Supreme Court to sit in on oral arguments in Salazar v. Ramah Navajo Chapter, a case that involves whether the federal government must pay tribes fully for work performed if Congress has not appropriated enough money for every such contract. (For full coverage, see page 20.) Following the one-hour arguments, the attorneys hop into a cab and wind the D.C. streets past the Capitol, the National Gallery of Art, and Franklin Park en route to the offices of Sidley Austin, the firm representing the Ramah Navajo Chapter. There they share their impressions with Ramah's attorneys of how their arguments were received in the nation's highest court.

In the meantime, Olguin, Siesser and Kogovsek make a trip to the Hart Senate Office Building for a meeting with a legislative fellow working for Sen. Mark Udall, D-Colo. They discuss two issues: the upcoming hearing on the BLM's fracking rules, which the tribe opposes based on the government's failure to meaningfully consult with Indian Country before drafting; and a U.S. Forest Service issue regarding the feds' reluctance to approve special use permits for oil and gas wells in New Mexico that could access minerals on the Southern Ute Reservation. Following the meeting, Kogovsek leads the Ignacio contingent through underground tunnels and into the Capitol building for a tour.

Back at the hotel, there's a half-hour or so of downtime, then it's off to the races again. The group meets on the sidewalk outside piles into a taxi van, this time destined for the law offices of Drinker, Biddle & Reath. It's a short ride through a chilly East Coast drizzle to the building, another imposing neoclassical structure in D.C.'s granite and limestone labyrinth. Paul G. Moorehead, one of the firm's partners, greets the group and shows them to a wood-paneled conference

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News in brief

IGNACIO

Summer yard maintenance has begun

The Summer Yard Maintenance Program began May 1. This is available for elders and physically challenged tribal members. Call Construction Services for information regarding these services at 970-563-0260.

Kindergarten screening, May 23

Ignacio Elementary School will be screening incoming kindergarten students who did not attend Head Start and who will be five on or before Oct. 1. Screening will take place on Wednesday, May 23 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Call 970-563-0675 to schedule an appointment.

Dancing Spirit Gallery presents art show

Dancing Spirit Gallery presents the “Wà-NùU-MàMACHI-ù” Art Show at the Dancing Spirit Gallery in Ignacio on Friday, May 25, from 6 to 9 p.m. Come and meet the artist, Charlie Hunter. Food and beverages will be provided. Call the gallery for more information at 970-563-9200.

Free bison meat available to tribal members

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Division of Wildlife Resource Management maintains a small herd of bison for the Tribe’s ceremonial, cultural and dietary needs. As a service to the tribal membership, the division makes available bison meat to enrolled Southern Ute tribal members free of charge. Tribal bison are grass-fed at low herd density and are free of artificial hormones and other syn-

thetic chemicals. Bison meat is naturally low in cholesterol and an excellent, healthy alternative to beef. If you are an enrolled Southern Ute tribal member interested in obtaining bison meat for personal use, call the Division of Wildlife at 970-563-0130. Quantities and cuts of meat available may be limited.

Casino to host fish and wildlife conference

The 27th annual Native American Fish and Wildlife Society’s Southwest Regional Conference will take place at the Sky Ute Casino Resort, July 24-26. This year’s conference theme is “Honoring Mother Earth, Preserving Our Native Teachings, Adapting for the Future.” Registration is on-site only and is \$175. Hotel rooms have been blocked at a rate of \$112 per night; to reserve, call 970-563-7777 or 888-842-4180. For more information, call Norman Jojola at 505-753-1451 or Joe Jojola at 505-563-3408.

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Growth Fund general membership meeting

Thursday, June 7, 2012, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Sky Ute Casino Event Center. Lunch will be served.

Coming back home



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Members of the Southern Ute Veterans Association gathered on Friday, April 20 in Veterans Memorial Park to share personal stories with Katie Burford, city editor for the Durango Herald. Among those who spoke about the transition from active duty in conflict areas to home life were Southern Ute Indian Tribal Councilman Howard D. Richards, Rod Grove, and Damon White Thunder. The men discussed the sense of community, support, and medical services for returning veterans, identifying what works and where improvements are needed in the existing system.



10 years ago

J. Newton/SU Drum archive

The annual “Project Wild” took place on April 18 at Ignacio Intermediate School. Staff from the Ignacio District of the La Plata County Soil Conservation Division showed Ms. Maquean’s fourth-grade class different aspects of the Pine River. The fourth-graders showed much interest in how the river works and in the various life forms it supports.

This photo first appeared in the May 3, 2002, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



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20 years ago

Mrs. Pinnecoose demonstrates a multiple-color spinning wheel that creates brightly colored art that students were able to take home.

This photo first appeared in the May 2, 1992, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.




photo/SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Painting by Oreland C. Joe, Indian sculptor and artist, born in 1958 in Shiprock, N.M. on the Navajo Reservation. Joe is Navajo and Southern Ute and an enrolled member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

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Getting ready for Bear Dance



Members of the Southern Ute community came together on Tuesday May 1 for an informative workshop at the Multi-purpose Facility in Ignacio to learn about making traditional dresses and ribbon shirts. Among those in attendance were Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council Lady Ramona Eagle and her mother, Annabel Eagle (left); Tami Weage (top) lead the dressmaking instruction.

photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

This is your language

'ícha-'ara muni 'apaghapi 'ura-'ay

By Tom Givón
Ute Language Program

7. Internal structure of Ute nouns

Noun suffixes

In the last column we talked about Ute nouns in terms of their meaning and syntactic distribution. In this column we will talk about their structure (**morphology**). The vast majority of Ute nouns come with an obligatory noun suffix. Some of the suffixes indicate the general meaning of the noun that carry them, but many are unpredictable. We will start with the most predictable suffix.

(a) The animate suffix -chi

The vast majority of nouns that take this suffix code animate or human beings, such as *núu-chí* 'person', 'Indian', 'Ute', *tua-chí* 'child', *ta'wa-chí* 'man', *mama-chí* 'woman', etc. or *múusa-chí* 'cat', *'sari-chí* 'dog', *múupü-chí* 'owl', *kwana-chí* 'eagle', *pawí-chí* 'beaver', etc. But some animate nouns, as well as others, come without any suffix, such as *púku* 'personal horse', *kúchu* 'buffalo', *pagu* 'fish', *tochay'a* 'prairie dog', *túku* 'cougar', *kání* 'house', or *páa* 'water'.

Many **kin terms** carry the **-chi** suffix, such as *toghoa-chi-n* 'my father's father', *kunuu-chi-n* 'my mother's father', *kagu-chi-n* 'my father's mother', *whchii-chi-n* 'my mother's mother', *pavi-chi-n* 'my older brother', or *chaqha-chi-n* 'my younger brother', etc. But some kinship nouns come without a suffix, as in *mú-a-n* 'my father', *pí-a-n* 'my mother', *pú-a-n* 'my kinsman', or *piwa-n* 'my spouse'.

A few animate nouns carry other suffixes, such as *ta'wa-ví* 'chief', *toghoa-ví* 'rattlesnake', *parí-yü* 'elk', or *tüi-yü* 'deer'. And as we shall see below, many human nouns can be derived from either other nouns or verbs, and in the process acquire other suffixes.

(b) The suffix -vi/-pi

Nouns that take this suffix can be **human**, as in *sinawa-ví* 'the Creator', *ta'wa-ví* 'chief', or *náe-ví* 'teenage girl'. They can be **animates**, as in *pí-a-pí* 'female', *kumae-ví* 'male', *múua-ví* 'fly', *toghoa-ví* 'rattlesnake', *po'a-ví* 'flea' or *sinae-ví* 'wolf'. Or they can be **body parts**, as in *pu'i-vü* 'eye', *nuka-ví* 'ear', *ma-stu-ví* 'finger', *ta-stu-ví* 'toe', *mo'o-ví* 'hand', etc.

(c) The derivational suffix -tu

The noun suffix **-tu** is used extensively in Ute to derive nouns from verbs in various patterns. For example, the **habitual performer** of an action can be derived this way:

verb	derived noun
<i>wúuka-mí</i> '(s/he) works'	<i>wúuka-mí-tu</i> 'worker'
<i>po'o-mí</i> '(s/he) writes'	<i>po'o-mí-tu</i> 'writer'
<i>po'o-ti-mí</i> '(s/he) teaches'	<i>po'o-ti-mí-tu</i> 'teacher'
<i>káa-mí</i> '(s/he) sings'	<i>káa-mí-tu</i> 'singer'

A **possessor** meaning can be derived from the noun being possessed, with the combination of **-ga-** 'have' and the suffix **-tu**, as in:

noun derived	possessor noun
<i>kání</i> 'house'	<i>kání-gya-tu</i> 'home-owner'
<i>piwa-n</i> 'my spouse'	<i>piwa-gha-tu</i> 'married person'
<i>puku-n</i> 'my horse'	<i>puku-gwa-tu</i> 'horse-owner'
<i>puwa-vü</i> 'medicine power'	<i>puwa-gha-tu</i> 'medicine-person'
<i>musutkwi-ví</i> 'medicine'	<i>musutkwi-gya-tu</i> 'doctor'

(e) The inanimate suffix -pu/-vu

Most inanimate nouns in Ute take the suffix **-pu/-vu**, including natural objects, natural phenomena and plants. Examples are *tuvu-pu* 'earth', *kú-pu* 'sunflower', *kuna-vü* 'bag', *kana-vü* 'willow', *kamu-pu* 'pine-cone', *yüu-vü* 'fat', *wa'a-pu* 'pinyon', *pawa-pu* 'cedar', *siwa-pu* 'sand', or *sünü-pu* 'trash'. Some animate nouns as well as some body parts also take this suffix, as in *küu-vü* 'locust', *mocho-pu* 'moustache', *kanaqo-pu* 'chin', *puü-vü* 'fur', *kutu-pu* 'butt', *puü-vü* 'plume', etc.

In addition, the suffix **-pu** is used extensively to derives nouns from verbs, as in:

verb	derived noun
<i>su'i-</i> 'urinate'	<i>su'i-pu</i> 'urine'
<i>tuguy-</i> 'be hungry'	<i>tuguy-pu</i> 'hunger'
<i>nhka-</i> 'dance'	<i>nhka-pu</i> 'dance'
<i>kiyasi-</i> 'laugh'	<i>kiyasi-pu</i> 'laughter'
<i>piki-</i> 'be rotten'	<i>piki-pu</i> 'rotten thing'

And the combination of **-na-** and **-pu** is used to derive **instrument** nouns from action verbs, as in:

verb derived	instrument noun
<i>tuka-</i> 'eat'	<i>tuka-'na-pu</i> 'table'
<i>karu-</i> 'sit'	<i>karu-'na-pu</i> 'chair'
<i>avi-</i> 'lie'	<i>avi-'na-pu</i> 'bed'
<i>po'o-</i> 'write'	<i>po'o-'na-pu</i> 'pen', 'pencil'
<i>üa-</i> 'trap'	<i>üa-'na-pu</i> 'trap'

How do we know these endings of nouns are suffixes, rather than simply parts of the noun stems? We know this because under some grammatical conditions a noun can lose its suffix. For example, when two nouns are made into a **noun compound**, the first noun loses its suffix.

source nouns	compound noun
<i>núu-chí</i> 'Indian'	<i>núu-ghani</i> 'tipi'
<i>kání</i> 'house'	
<i>mama-chí</i> 'woman'	<i>mamá-tuguvu-n</i> 'my girl-friend'
<i>tuguvu-n</i> 'my friend'	
<i>múusa-chí</i> 'cat'	<i>múusa-tukwí-chí</i> 'bobcat'
<i>túku</i> 'cougar'	
<i>yua-vü</i> 'highland'	<i>yua-qháaru-chí</i> 'sage-hen'
<i>qháaru-chí</i> 'hen'	
<i>sari-chí</i> 'dog'	<i>sari-vuku-n</i> 'my pet dog'
<i>púku</i> 'domestic animal'	

The same loss of the noun suffix occurs when object, instrument or manner nouns are **incorporated** before verbs, as in:

noun	incorporated before the verb
<i>mama-chí</i> 'woman'	<i>mama-kwa-nhka-pu</i> 'Beardance' ('woman-step-dance')
<i>'áa-chí</i> 'bow'	<i>'áa-tüna-y</i> 'bow-hunting'
<i>sari-chí</i> 'dog'	<i>sari-tuka-chí</i> 'dog-eater' (Cheyenne)

In the next column we will discuss other component of noun structure.

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Kidney Corner

The 24-hour urine collection

By Dr. Mark Saddler
Durango Nephrology Associates

“My doctor has asked me to do a 24 hour urine collection. Why do I need to do this and what is the proper way to do it?”

It can be useful to measure the amount of various substances in the urine to help diagnose different forms of kidney disease. The kidneys can make urine either very concentrated or dilute, depending on the body's needs at a given time.

If only a single urine sample is taken, the measurement of, a given substance could appear to be very high (if the urine happened to be concentrated at the time) or relatively low (if the urine was dilute at that time). We sometimes get around this problem by measuring the excretion of a substance over a full day.

Some examples of substances we might measure include the following:

- Protein. This substance is excreted in excess in most forms of kidney disease, and the amount excreted gives useful clues to the type of kidney disease. Very high levels of protein excretion

(usually above 3 grams per day) are usually associated with disease of the glomeruli, or filtering parts of the kidneys.

- Creatinine. This normal component of urine can be measured to determine how accurately the urine was collected and how well the kidneys are filtering.

- Sodium. The daily output of sodium is usually equivalent to the daily intake, so measurement of sodium can help determine how well a patient is controlling his/her salt intake.

Calcium, oxalate and uric acid tend to be excreted in excess in patients who form stones in the urine.

- Magnesium and citrate tend to be reduced in patients who form stones.

- Adrenaline and similar substances can be excreted in excess in some rare forms of hypertension.

- Measurement of urine volume can be useful in some forms of excess urine production.

- Urea may be measured to assess dialysis adequacy in patients on dialysis.

If your doctor asks you to collect a urine specimen, you

will be given a collection bottle with a screw-on lid. If you anticipate a high urine output, a second bottle can be supplied. You may keep the bottle at room temperature during the collection.

On the morning the test is to begin, urinate (empty the bladder) on getting out of bed. Do not keep this first urine specimen in the collection bottle — it should be discarded in the toilet.

Every drop of urine passed subsequently for 24 hours (all of that day and night) needs to go in the bottle. It doesn't matter whether you make a lot of urine or only a little that day, as long as it all goes in the bottle.

On the next day, urinate again on getting out of bed, at the same time of day as on the first day. This time, the urine does go in the bottle. So, you discard the first urine and keep the last one.

If you have a bowel movement, try to collect the urine separately without contaminating it with feces. If it does get contaminated, or if you accidentally forget to collect some urine, or if some is spilled, it is usually best to empty the bottle and restart the collection on another day.

Food for thought



Lynda Grove-D'Wolf discusses simple ways to stay healthy as the body ages, including using organic meats and olive oil over high-calorie alternatives, in a Thursday, April 26 class at the Multi-purpose Facility.

photos Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

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Media release
Southern Ute Indian Tribe

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Any teacher, Tribal member or other interested person may submit the name of an eligible recipient for the Elbert J. Floyd Award to the Department of Education of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Nomination must be submitted in writing to Ellen S.

Baker at the Southern Ute Education Department by 4 p.m. on Friday, May 11 and shall state the basis for the nomination. For more information call Ellen at 970-563-0235 ext. 2793.

The selection of the recipient will be made by a committee of two members consisting of the Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Vice-Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

This annual award is in memory of Elbert J. Floyd and is presented by Mr. Floyd's children and grandchildren to a deserving Southern Ute Indian student.

Raising funds for D.C.



photo Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member Tanisha Coyote and Education Specialist Ellen Baker host a Frito pie sale in the lobby of the Leonard C. Burch Administrative Building on Friday, April 27 to raise funds for 15 Native American students to take a five-day educational trip to Washington, D.C. in June. The Southern Ute Education Department aims to develop a strong student leadership program.

Education update

Education announces GED test dates

The Department of Education would like to announce the GED test dates for the upcoming months: June 1, July 13 and August 3. The test is held the first Friday of every month at the Southern Ute Education Building at 330 Burns Ave. Registration and payments are due by Tuesday before the test. Scholarships are available for Native Americans who live within 50 miles of the service area, spend 12 hours in class, score a 450 on practice tests and submit paperwork two weeks in advance. For more information, call Pine River Community Learning Center at 970-563-0681 or Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 or 970-749-1953. Also, the Education Department has an online GED Academy classroom that is available for at home GED test preparation. Please call Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 ext. 2784 or 970-749-1953 for passwords. There is a minimum time requirement each week to be allowed to use this program.

The GED test will be changing January 2014. All previous test scores will be thrown out and students will need to retake all 5 sections. It is important that students complete all 5 sections of their GED before the January 2014 date.

Education announces scholarship notices

The Southern Ute Education Dept. will be having an informational scholarship meeting. These meetings will go over scholarship policies, deadlines and answer any questions students may have about college and applications. These meetings will be held Tuesday, May 15 and Tuesday, May 22 at 5:30 p.m. at the Southern Ute Education Department.

The Southern Ute Education Dept. would also like to announce that the deadline for Full Time scholarship requests for the 2012-2013 academic school year will be July 2 at 5 p.m. Incomplete or late applications WILL NOT be considered for full time. NO EXCEPTIONS!!

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CONTACT:

***Alex Cloud or Louise Wilson
for more information***

563-0237 (Education Dept.)



Bobcats of the month



These Ignacio Elementary School students were honored as Bobcats of the Month for March for their helpfulness, attitude in class and willingness to learn:

Shalisha Chavez, Nate Hendren, Yllana Howe, Amaranthe Pardo, David Tallbird, Janessa Weaver and Marcus White.

photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Drum staff mentors UNM students



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

University of New Mexico students in a Native American journalism program work on finishing up their end-of-the-year projects, which include presentations of documentary photography and photojournalism. Drum Photographer/reporter Jeremy Wade Shockley gave an informative presentation to the students and faculty on Thursday, April 26 before lending a hand with individual photo critique and project reviews. The Southern Ute Drum has maintained a working relationship with instructor Mary K. Bowannine and her program at the UNM over the years, hosting tours of the Drum's newsroom for visiting students in Ignacio as well as directly mentoring students on the UNM campus.

2012 Youth Employment Program (YEP)

The Tribe's Youth Employment Program(YEP) provides tribal member students between the ages of 14 and 18 with summer employment. Different tribal departments as well as other local organizations have been very helpful in employing students each year in a variety of entry-level jobs. The Summer Youth Employment Program's goal is to emphasize real work labor expectations, increase awareness of services within the tribe and community, provide awareness of career opportunities.

Tribal students need to be 14 years of age by May 29, in order to be considered for employment. The Tribe allocated 40 youth employment slots and it is on a **First-come-first-serve** basis. This year's YEP applications will be online through the Tribe's Human Resource Department and we will be walking the students through this process starting May 7 – 29 at the Education Building-Computer Lab from 3:30 – 5 p.m. Please call YEP at 970-563-0237 to set up an appointment to complete the application.

This year's Youth Employment Program staff is Alex Cloud, YEP Coordinator and Louise Wilson, Program Assistant.



IHS carnival takes over school



Ignacio High School hosted a community dinner and carnival on Monday, April 30. Students and their familiars circulated through the halls of the school to activities such as mini-golf, face painting, a cakewalk and a knowledge bowl. Outside, a bounce house thrilled younger kids while a ring toss challenged their older counterparts.

photos Ace Stryker/SU Drum

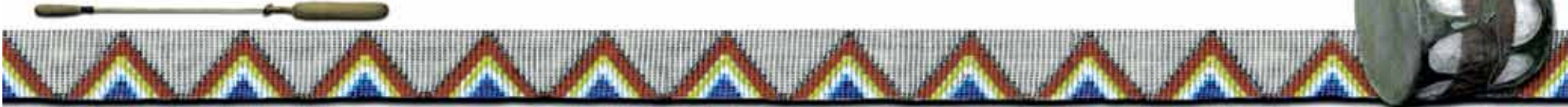


photos Taylor Riley/Special to the Drum

Testing the waters

The Southern Ute Education Department's annual Career Fair, which took place Thursday, April 19 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort, drew crowds of interested students from local schools. Representatives from the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Fort Lewis College came out to meet future candidates for employment.





photos J. Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio senior Tyler Young (center) trots home to a welcome reception after slugging a homer on the road at Dolores on Tuesday, April 24.

Mustangs run with sweep

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

Through four and a half innings, they’d seemingly reaped everything else. So why not, borrowing the famous “Young Guns” line, reap the whirlwind too?

In a no-contest badly needing some light-hearted humor, Mother Nature obliged the Ignacio faithful at SunUte Field on Saturday, April 28, temporarily whipping up a nasty dust devil apparently designed to levitate and remove Nucla shortstop Nick Rushing.

A vacancy on the infield’s left side would have been ideal; the Bobcats did have runners aboard to get any sort of rally started, with Iaa-sic Pena and fourth-inning defensive replacement Andrew Guire both walking against Nucla’s Clint Watt.

But with his teammate still dug in behind him, the freshman regrouped to get clean-up bat Jesse Vigil to pop up to second baseman Aaron Morgan, then fanned five-hole Clayton Jefferson (for a third time) and six-man Chris McDonald to polish off a four-hitter and San Juan Basin League sweep against an Ignacio team that had already expended most of its energy in a bid to steal victory from defeat in Game 1.

Staving off the dreaded “mercy rule” margin against Mustang starter Morgan Rummel, Pena walloped a double to left, plating runners from all three bases — the last being speedy Jeff Herrera, whose headfirst dive under Nucla catcher Blayde Harrigan barely beat the tag coming from above.

Vigil then grounded out to Rushing, scoring Pena, but Rummel (W; 6 IP, 10 K) froze Sonny Sanchez on a called third strike to seemingly kill the comeback, saving Nucla a 12-6 advantage.

Spirits re-buoyed, however, when Ignacio’s Tyler Young (L; CG) got through the visitors’ seventh unscathed by K’ing leadoff man Brad Campbell, keeping the locals’ hopes alive.

Nucla boss Clint Wytulka then indirectly helped, bringing in outfielder Seldon Riddle to replace Rummel, and Ignacio capitalized with Paco Mounts drawing a walk. Antonio Torres then struck out, but Darrin Lagerstrom drew a base on balls, and Mounts soon scored on a wild pitch to Herrera. 12-7.

Herrera himself was then plunked by a pitch, putting Cats on the corners, but when Herrera took off to swipe second, Harrigan’s apparent throw down was cut off intentionally at the mound by Riddle, and Lagerstrom was caught leaning down the baseline with no chance to return to third.

Still scrapping, Pena (1-4) and Young (3-3, 2 BB) worked for free passes to first, packing the sacks for Vigil. An attempted hidden-ball plot — aimed at catching Herrera possibly unaware at



Ignacio senior Jeff Herrera crash-lands safely at home underneath Nucla catcher Blayde Harrigan's tag at SunUte Field on Saturday, April 28.

third — failed, with the umpire ruling a balk, and Herrera (1-3) trotted home. 12-8.

Vigil (1-3) was then hit by a pitch for a second time, and Pena touched home on a wild offering to Jefferson. 12-9.

But the recovery effort ultimately ended with Jefferson looking at a third strike, and Harrigan managing to squeeze a shaved ice-style grab, preventing Jefferson from reaching via a passed ball.

Having blown Game 1 open with a seven-run fifth, Nucla commandeered Game 2 with a seven-run second against Pena, and Watt then worked out of a bases-loaded jam by getting Pena to fly to left in the bottom of the frame, preserving a 9-1 advantage.

A scoreless third inning breezed by, before Nucla broke loose again in the fourth. Campbell had already led off the game with an inside-the-park homer to center, and after Riddle reached second on an error-inducing fly to that region, Harrigan bashed another ITPer to SunUte’s longest fence.

Five-hole Brandon Kennedy then gave Sanchez a rest — knocking an ITP shot past Adison Jones in right — but Rummel resumed the siege of center with a triple, and Watt tripled to right to plate Rummel.

Seven batters later, Kennedy (2-4, 3 R, 4 RBI) came up and again clouted a homer — to center — within the confines, and Pena (L; CG, 18 H, 11 ER, 5 K, 2 BB) finally retired the side by fanning Morgan for the second time in the sixteen-batter onslaught.

Riddle then powered a two-out blast over the left-field fence in the Mustang fifth for what would be the afternoon’s final run, with Pena then giving up a single to Harrigan — and then picking him off first.

After seeing Pena belt a ground-rule double to left, scoring Herrera in the Ignacio first, Watt (W; CG, 7 K, 5 BB, 2 HB) allowed just singles to Dawrence Romero and Torres in the second, and to Torres in the fourth, and stranded eight Bobcats total.

Baseball: 2A/1A San Juan Basin League						
Standings as of April 30, 2012						
OVERALL				SJBL		
Team	W	L	Pct.	W	L	
Nucla	8	11	.421	6	3	
Dolores	7	9	.437	6	3	
Dove Creek	5	11	.312	4	5	
IGNACIO	3	12	.200	2	7	

—compiled by Joel Priest

Throwers take center stage at Velasquez Invitational

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

In a nutshell, there was no way on Earth that Bayfield senior Aaron Velasquez was going to lose in the discus last weekend at the event bearing his grandfather’s name.

And at the Ignacio-hosted, Bayfield-staged 2012 Abel Velasquez Invitational, there was no way the Bobcats would not be well represented in the throwing disciplines. Three young ladies accounted for four top-10s (and an 11th), while four young men racked up five top-10s (and an 11th) in helping Ignacio place fourth on the ladies’ side and fifth on the gents’.

The fellows’ discus, likely the most-anticipated event with Velasquez well-known in both Pine River Valley towns, saw both the Wolverines and Bobcats pay proper tribute to the long-time throws coach — finishing 1, 2, 3, 4 in alternating fashion. Ignacio senior Shane Richmond followed Velasquez’s 141-foot-7 with a runner-up 124-foot-7, Bayfield’s Aubry Brown maxed out at 120-foot-3, and IHS senior Colton Wyatt posted a 116-foot-9 best. Junior Aus-

tin Haire was ninth (91-foot-3) and BHS’ Nate Goddard tenth (90-foot-9).

Sophomore Jayce Stricherz had the Lady Bobcats’ best in the apparatus with a 76-foot-7, three inches better than junior Kiana Thompson in the race for sixth. Freshman July Stricherz was tenth (60-foot-1).

In the girls’ shot, Thompson was a team-high eighth (23-foot-4), with Jayce Stricherz 11th (22-foot-0.5). Richmond and Wyatt went 3-4 for the boys, with respective heaves of 43-foot-0.5 and 38-foot-0.75, while sophomore Greg Bison took 11th with a 29-foot-0.75 effort.

Amassing 56 team points, the Bobcat boys scored best in the pole vault, with senior Dusty Mangus winning by good height over Bayfield’s John Arnold, 13 feet to 11-feet-6. Richmond (9-feet-6) took fourth and Haire (9 feet) fifth.

Mangus also recorded top-five stats in the 100-meter dash (third, 12.25 seconds), 200 meters (fourth, 25.20) and long jump (fifth, 18-feet-5.25), while Haire (400 meters, fourth, 57.54) and senior Teagan Overturf (200 meters, fifth, 25.87) had the squad’s other two.

Junior Michelle Simmons captured victory in the 100, clocking 13.45 down the Wolverine Country Stadium front stretch for the Lady Bobcats’ best solo effort, but the collective 53-point output came from having plenty of help.

Freshman Sky Cotton took second in the 200 (28.85 seconds), as did sophomore Cloe Seibel in the 1,600 (6:20.91) and Simmons in the high jump (5 feet), where Sky Cotton (4-feet-6) took fifth. Joined by junior Pam Cotton, the trio became a quartet for the 800-meter sprint medley relay and nearly cracked the two-minute barrier, placing second in 2:00.75. Seibel was also third in the 800, running 2:48.51.

Bayfield compiled 166 points to win the girls’ team title, well clear of Pagosa Springs (119) and relay-powered Dolores (118). Dove Creek (37) and Mancos (22) followed behind Ignacio.

With Velasquez providing additional emotional fuel, the Wolverine boys prevailed 172-134 over second-place Pagosa Springs. Mancos’ 72 put them third, six up on Dolores, with Dove Creek (17) well behind Ignacio.



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Ignacio seniors Shawni Troup (20), Carly Barborinas (2) and Abeth Okall (7) stand with assistant coach Oscar Cosio (left) and head coach Andrew Fenity (right) after playing their final home match on Saturday, April 21 against Ridgway.

Soccer’s steam sapped at Center

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

Six days earlier, it was full speed ahead for the Lady Bobcats.

But after a rare defeat at Center on Friday, April 27, three afternoons after a lopsided loss and post-Senior Day letdown at Alamosa, Ignacio has to hope there’s still fire left to stoke for their 2012 finale this afternoon at 4 p.m. at Golden Peaks Stadium in Pagosa Springs.

“A huge loss for us,” head coach Andrew Fenity texted succinctly and regretfully after CHS nabbed a 3-2 win at Center Community Park.

Still clearly an improvement upon the 9-1 pounding administered by the hooves of the Mean Moose, but a far cry from the gutsy performance given against astounded Ridgway on Saturday, April 21 — as suggested by Fenity’s use of a frowny face in his following text message sent on the bus ride out of the San Luis Valley.

“We just got caught up in their game,” Fenity said later via phone of the loss to the Lady Vikings. “Had dysfunction in terms of organization, ball movement ... just got away from what we do.”

With seniors Abeth Okall, Carly Barborinas and Shawni Troup wearing the home whites for their final match

on IHS Field, Ignacio withstood an expected shelling from the Lady Demons. But with goalkeeper Nicole Williams making 19 total saves — RHS took 28 shots, putting 18 on net — and every Cat contributing defensively to slow Ridgway’s Audrey Jossi, Cailin Goldstrom, Grace Benasutti and Scarlet Holvenstot, the guests never gained a completely comfortable cushion.

Troup led Ignacio’s back line, including junior Angel Paul and sophomores Jasmine Red and Akasia Oberly, against the invaders, with Barborinas and Okall helping control play along with junior Destinee Lucero and soph Cheyenne Cook through midfield.

As a result, Ridgway managed just a 1-0 halftime lead, Goldstrom scoring (assisted by Jossi and Holvenstot) in the 20th minute, and knew they were fortunate that goalkeeper Marcina Sarmiento denied Paul — led in by a great feed from

Lucero — in the 39th.

However, Williams returned the favor seconds after intermission, stoning Holvenstot at point-blank range and re-energizing the sizable crowd in the bleachers. The Lady Demons managed very little else until Goldstrom scored unassisted in the 57th, splitting two defenders to gain shooting space.

But once more, Ridgway couldn’t sustain momentum, despite gaining seven corner kicks to Ignacio’s zero. And the Lady Bobcats threatened to the very end, taking four total shots — three on net — seeking at least one well-deserved goal.

Aside from Paul’s aforementioned chance, Ignacio’s best opportunity came early in the first half, when Barborinas lifted a try over the crossbar from about 10 yards out as Sarmiento (five total saves) pressured.

Ignacio stands 1-10 overall and in the 3A Southwestern going into action against PSHS.

Girls’ Soccer: 3A Southwestern League										
Standings as of April 30, 2012										
Team	OVERALL				SWL					
	W	L	T	Pct.	W	L	T			
Bayfield	12	0	1	1.000	9	0	1			
Telluride	10	1	2	.769	7	1	2			
Ridgway	9	3	0	.750	7	3	0			
Alamosa	8	3	1	.667	5	3	1			
Pagosa Spgs.	3	8	0	.273	3	7	0			
Center	1	10	0	.091	1	9	0			
IGNACIO	1	10	0	.091	1	10	0			



Express your opinions

Tribe wins \$150,000 water quality grant

The following is excerpted from a letter received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Environmental Programs division on Tuesday, April 24:

Dear Tom,

Thank you for your proposal in response to the FY 2012 Request for Proposals from Indian Tribes and Intertribal Consortia for Nonpoint Source Management Grants under the Clean Water Act Section 319 EPA-OW-OWOW-12-01, which was issued on Nov. 17, 2011. The Environmental Protection Agency Region 8 received 52 eligible proposals this year for a limited amount of competitive funding. An EPA Selection

Committee ranked and scored each proposal after evaluating them against the ranking and selection factors in Section V of the above-referenced announcement. As a result of this review, the EPA is pleased to inform you that your proposal was selected for award of \$150,000. Congratulations!

The EPA appreciates the effort that went into the preparation of your proposal. Your continued interest in the Clean Water Act Section 319 program enables the Southern Ute Tribe and the EPA to work together effectively on protection of water resources on the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Reservation.

Peter Monahan
Regional NPS coordinator,
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 8

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Dates to remember:

- May 13: Mother's Day
- May 17: Bayfield School District, students' last day
- May 24: Ignacio School District, students' last day
- May 25: Southern Ute Bear Dance begins
- May 28: Memorial Day, Southern Ute Bear Dance Feast

StarWheels

Horoscopes by "The Starlady"

♉ **TAURUS (April 21-May 21)**
BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TAURUS! An exceptionally rewarding planetary pattern gets your month rolling along smoothly. No doubt you'll dazzle everyone with your personal brilliance...and even provide them with sunglasses to protect their eyes. The SUN, MERCURY, and JUPITER gather in your sign boosting your charm, and appeal. Additionally VENUS your ruling planet currently, gliding through the vivacious sign of GEMINI spikes up financial opportunities. Smile Taurus, the stars are in your favor.

♊ **GEMINI (May 21-June 21)**
There's an old song that says to "Accentuate the Positive". Good advice for GEMINI folks to live by this month. With some of the planets currently concentrated in a very private section of your chart, hidden agendas, and limitations might make the first half of the month a little tricky to navigate. Later on the 20th a Solar Eclipse in your sign initiates a fresh beginning, and launches your Solar Year on a powerful note. Let go of the leftovers of the past, and fix your eyes on the future.

♋ **CANCER (June 22-July 22)**
There are times when even the best made plans go awry... but this isn't one of those times. You can relax MOON KIDS, you're in sync with the Solar System this month and in a perfect position to reap the benefits. Favorable contacts are made through your daily conversations with others. As an added bonus, group meetings may offer you a chance to move closer to your hopes for the future. The SCORPIO FULL MOON on the 5th could inspire you to get involved in creative projects. Invite your loved ones to join you.

♌ **LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)**
Career goals, along with personal objectives get a shot of adrenalin this month as the planets gather at the highest point in your chart. The added benefit of lively VENUS now in the area related to objectives, inspires creative ideas, and excellent social connections. In addition, your ruler the SUN, teams with lucky JUPITER on the 13th providing you with enthusiasm, motivation, and a ton of opportunities. Go get em Lions! You can achieve more than you think Lions!

♍ **VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 23)**
Get used to it VIRGO! That "super-charged, have to keep moving" feeling will be with you for awhile. It may be best to maintain a steady pace rather than have frequent bursts of activity. MARS the achievement planet has moved into your sign for an extended stay. The good news is that your sign is part of a "Celestial Triangle" this month and it means there are wonderful options open to you now. It's a good bet that MARS will help you to stay motivated. What more can a VIRGO ask for!

♎ **LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)**
VENUS your bright little planet is a busy Bee this month. One of its goals is to assist you in developing more productive methods regarding money and spending. But that's not all VENUS can do. First and foremost VENUS is about enjoyment. Be sure to set aside time for plenty of R&R. (rest and relaxation). While this lovely planet sits happily in the travel angle of your chart, good times are practically guaranteed. Try to make your plans prior to the 15th, after that VENUS slows the momentum down to

a crawl.
♏ **SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)**
An intense FULL MOON in your sign on the 5th launches the month in an emotional manner. A pack of planets take a stand in your opposite sign of TAURUS and block clear communications with partners and close alliances. Be willing to meet them half way. Because your natural instinct is to stubbornly resist, it may be to your advantage to practice more compromise, and to be calm and clear with all your communications.

♐ **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)**
This month you have a chance to spike up your physical routine, and make improvements to your health and work methods. A positive planetary configuration in place all month offers a constructive chance to advance your objectives. VENUS in your opposite sign of GEMINI might encourage new relationships, and possibly urge you to reconnect with some old ones. After the 15th you may want to make it a point to be especially clear and fair in all of your communications. Practice it on a daily basis Saggies.

♑ **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)**
Attention Work-a-holic Capricorns ... the celestial menu for May suggests that you go in search of more pleasurable pursuits. The month is just right to indulge your favorite hobbies, creative ventures, and spending more time with the children. Make the most of it CAPRICORN, the outlook is promising, and practically any activity you undertake is likely to be successful. Slip into your Pied Piper mode. Have fun, and be a kid again.

♒ **AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)**
Home base and family interests take center stage. The planets have grouped together at the foundation of your chart, and are encouraging you to give elders their due. Respect and attention can be a powerful cure for loneliness. There's a favorable NEW MOON on the 20th that launches a fresh cycle for relationships. Remember, the pursuit of happiness includes spending time with those you care about the most. The good news is JUPITER and MERCURY support a happy home environment this month.

♓ **PISCES (Feb. 20 - March 20)**
Minor glitches may drain your attention away from your objectives. Concentrate your interests in the areas of communications, partnerships, and career goals. May's planetary grouping signifies an important point. Listen carefully to what others may have to say. Neighbors, and relatives might provide you with great information. NEPTUNE'S continued influence in your sign signifies greater intuitive abilities. Trust in it Little Fishes.

♈ **ARIES (March 21 - April 20)**
The SUN, MERCURY, and JUPITER enliven the financial section of your chart. Money and material possessions are MAY'S focal points. Motivated RAMS have a great opportunity to increase income, and possibly add to your possessions. Keep one foot grounded ARIES, no need to go overboard. Best money days are the 18th, 19th, 28th, and 29th. Steer a course straight to your goals and don't let yourself be distracted. With URANUS, the planet of surprises living in your sign now the sky is the limit.

Cleaning up County Rd. 318



For the past five years, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Ground Maintenance and Environmental Programs staff has worked with Ignacio High School staff and students on an Earth Day cleanup project to collect waste along a six-mile stretch of County Rd. 318. The students bag trash along the roadside and the tribal staff collects the bags and transports them to the Bondad Landfill, which waives its tipping fees in support of the event. Of the many safety concerns that arise, the most noticeable is the considerable traffic on the road. The Southern Ute Police Department supports the event by slowing down the traffic for the two hours it takes to collect the refuse. Students are required to watch a safety video specifically produced by the Colorado Department of Transportation to cover



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

safety issues, from broken glass to abandoned meth lab refuse. Over the years, there has been a noticeable decrease in the amount of litter collected, a sign that the program is working.

Correction:

A cutline under a photo on page 9 of the April 20 issue of The Southern Ute Drum featuring fundraising with Easter baskets erroneously described efforts to support the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council. The fundraiser was for Believe to Achieve, a youth leadership initiative that supports young Native American leaders in the making. The students were raising money for a trip to a conference to be held in California this August.

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Ute Mtn. Utes discuss settlement



The Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribe hosted a general meeting for its members living in Ignacio on Wednesday, April 25 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. The tribe will receive a \$43 million settlement from the federal government, and is seeking its members' input on how to spend it.

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A visit from an elder



Southern Ute tribal elder Neil Cloud makes an appearance at the Ignacio Elementary School to support his young relation, Nate Hendren, during the most recent Bobcat assembly on Thursday, April 19. Walter Howe also stopped by to congratulate his daughter Yllana Howe on her Bobcat award. Teachers, parents and family members gather to support their students' accomplishments each month.

photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum



Birthday wishes, congratulations and rembrances

The Broken Chain

We little knew that morning that God was going to call your name. In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you; you did not go alone, for part of us went with you, the day God called you home. You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide; and though we cannot see you, you are always at our side. Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same, but as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.

Ron Tranmer



For our Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother

LaVara June Thompson, who left us on May 8, 2008, whom we all loved and miss.

Love forever, your husband Bennett, Daughters: Luana, Becky and JoGenia, Sons: Frank, Keith and Shawn, Grandchildren: Renelda, Elena, Abel, Kyle, Jordan, Mariah, Mark, Eli, Shelton, Shoshnie, Natelle, Krislyn and Gracelyn, Great Grandchildren: Jalen, Josh, Staffon, Brianna, Cesar, Jawadin, Jesus and Steffen

Happy Birth Day

Want to wish my grandson Joshua Jacob Herrera, a very Happy Birth Day on May 5, 2012 and many, many more. I love you very much.

Grandma Luana and the rest of the family.

Happy 8th Birthday Ezekiel Jordin Howell

Wow! Here we are another year has come and gone! Ez you have grown so much in the past year, and you make us all so proud of all the things you've done and continue to do. You're only 8 but you have accomplished so much in your 8 years with us! You are the best son I could ever ask for! I'm proud that you have decided to dance I hope that you stay with it and continue on that path :) I hope that you had a great party and enjoyed being with the people that love and support you. Keep up the good work in everything you do. Happy 8th birthday Ez. We Love you very much!

Love Always, Mom, Daddy & Brother



Happy Birthday Joshua and Jalen

Happy 16th B-Day to my sons Joshua Herrera on May 5th and 17th B-Day to Jalen Estes I Love You Both so very much!

Love always your Mom Renelda Herrera, Spencer, Brother Steffon & your Sister Briana



Happy birthday, Mom!

May every second, minute, hour, day and year of your life be filled with the kind of comfort, security, and happiness you give unfailingly to me and Jared.

To Ernie Watts

Happy Mom's Day to the best Grandma and Mom in the world!!!!

Love Always Your Kids

Happy Birthday, Mom!

Without you, there would be a gaping hole in our lives, an emptiness that only your love can fill. Thank you, Mom, for all that you do, for the extraordinary person you are. Happy Birthday, Mom, we love you!!

Love Always, Bess Lenore and Big Quut

Cruz

I am very proud of you. You are a very smart lil guy. I know you are gonna go far. I will help you every step of the way. And always make you go past your range. I love you always my funny face!!

Mom XOXO



Cruz

We are all so proud of you and happy for you. May God bless you always.

Love Grandpa & Grandma Lucero

As parents our children should be our first priority. Making the best life that we can 4 them, only we have that authority. No longer can we put it off, there's nothing 2 have to contemplate. Lets get it done now cuz our child shouldn't have 2 wait. For our child 2 have a good life, on us dose that rely. The best life they could have we should not deny. We R the ones that will mold & shape them in 2 the ppl they will soon someday be. We hold the key to their future, its all up 2 you & me. One day their just babies barely able to hold

their own bottle. Next thing their walking, talking, watching ur every move & were their only role model. We can't say 1 thing then do another, & be a hypocrite. It will cause our child confusion if ourselves we contradict. & I don't want 2 b seen as either of those things in there eyes. I don't want them to think that all we ever told them were lies. I know this will be scary but it's on us to do what we gotta do. Being the best parents depends on me 7 you. Happy, healthy, smart & strong we will watch them grow. They should never have 2 ask if we love them cuz in their hearts they will already know. They deserve 2 live a better life then we had. I want the feeling knowing we were the best at being Mom & Dad. We need 2 show them theirs more to life then smoking & drinking. School must come 1st, a lot of hard work & soon on their own they be smartly thinking. We will never let them give up cause in the long run they will know it was only their best interest we were thinking of. Even if they hate it & rebel, sooner or later they will know that we did it out of love. They can't ever drop out of H.S. cuz you know that they need their knowledge. We'll push them every step of the way, then proudly watch them as they go off to college. We will be so proud come graduation day & see class of ____, hung up everywhere on banners & the greatest feeling is hearing you raised them with much respect & such great manners. From 1st Grade all the way to 12th wouldn't it be great, if with all A's & B's then pass? Wouldn't it be perfect if they graduated at the top of their class? To make it successful in life & school, only themselves they must apply. It don't matter if their good, or bad, at least we gave them the courage 2 try. Wouldn't it make you so happy if they succeed in life & do so very good? Don't you wanna watch them do all the things that me & you never could?

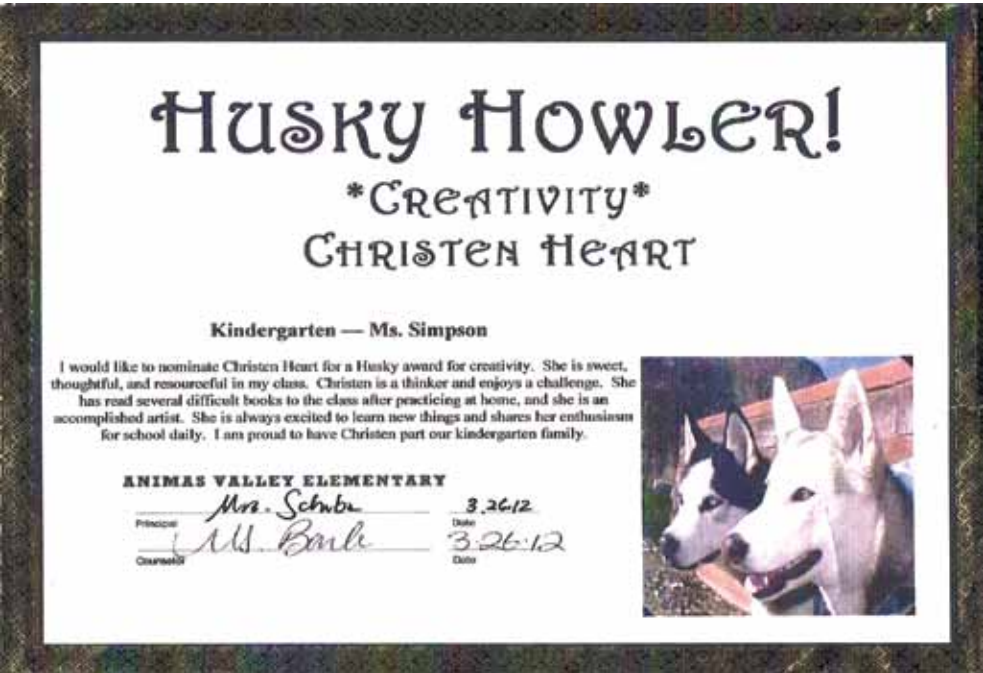




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Southern Utes give youth first-time turkey hunt experience



photo Robert Ortiz/SU Drum

The cameras were rolling during a two-day turkey hunt organized by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the National Wild Turkey Federation on April 28 and 29. Southern Ute Indian Tribal Councilman Howard D. Richards said of the hunt during a pre-hunt meeting: "This is the first time for the kids, something to always remember. Enjoy yourself, be safe, and exercise good sportsmanship." The federation's regional director J. Thomas Saldias, said the hunt would kick off "a continued effort to bring together Native tribes, as this was the first all-Native American hunt." He continued by thanking Richards and the Southern Ute Wildlife Division for their collaboration of over a year's worth of talks to bring this opportunity to the youth. For some of these hunters, it was their first turkey hunt.



photo Robert Ortiz/SU Drum

Brianna GoodTracks-Alires (top left), with mentor Muz Pinnecoose, makes preparations during her hunt. Zach Rock (top right) takes claim of an elk shed. Producer Jaime Hutchinson (below) and guide Elmer Rock discuss prime locations to set up their gear. The GoodTracks brothers, Keifer and Keiston, walk with Hutchinson to their respective sites during their hunt. Tanisha Coyote (left), with Rock, shoot some practice rounds. Thomas Salidas (green shirt) and the Wildlife staff look over maps of the Southern Ute Reservation.



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The 24/7, 7 days-a-week schedule begins Thursday, May 10th, 2012.

Gates will be open 24/7 until September 2nd.

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Closing Day: October 7th, 2012

Lake Capote is regularly stocked with rainbow trout, brown trout, largemouth bass and catfish.

Southern Ute Tribal Members receive free fishing & camping.

(Not including Derby permits & RV sites)

- New Shade Structures & Docks
- Night Fishing when advertised
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2012 Lake Capote Permit Fees

(Fishing Bag Limit: 3 trout, 1 catfish, all fish 16" or larger and largemouth bass are catch and release only)

Adult Fishing: \$8
Youth Fishing: \$4
Derby Permit: \$13
Tent Site: \$13
RV Site (elec. & water): \$20
Day Use (1st ½ hour free): \$3

(Call for weekly RV discounts or for promotional offers to rent the entire campground for special events)

*** Night fishing will also be back this summer ***



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Bluegrass grows in Ignacio sun



Students from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy gather together with their Head Start peers for an old-fashioned bluegrass jamboree in the Head Start gym on Friday, April 20. Young bluegrass musicians from the Colorado Springs area made the trip as part of their year-end music program. Students and teachers were encouraged to get up and dance, grabbing a partner — or as some did, joining a good circle on the dance floor for a foot-stomping time.



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum





Breaking out the books

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy hosted its annual book fair on Thursday, April 19 in the dining hall. Students and family members came out to show support for the school. Staffers served snacks and drinks throughout the event.

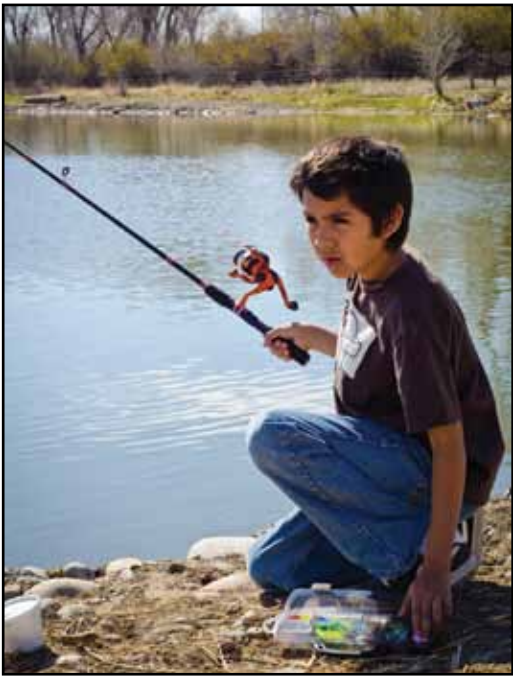
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...and the rods

Scott's Pond was the venue for the year's first outing for the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy's Fishing Club, which teaches boys and girls fishing basics, on Tuesday, April 17. Some brought their own tackle and rods, while others used gear supplied as part of the curriculum. Many students were lucky enough to reel in some of the recently stocked trout before releasing them back into the pond. The Fishing Club will continue until the end of the school year, culminating with a trip to Lake Capote.

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Sign up to participate in the 3rd annual Youth in Action Program
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Entering grades 4,5,6 Maximum 10 students

July 10-13 Girls Only – Scrapbooking, hiking, Rites of Passage, trail ride,
Pagosa Hot Springs, cooking

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Junior High Grades

Entering grades 7,8,9 Maximum 10 students

July 24-27 Scrapbooking, cooking for lunch, Chimney Rock, Pagosa
Hot Springs, Anasazi Heritage Museum, Cortez Outdoor Swimming Pool,
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Only for students who have participated in one of the above sessions
Maximum 10 students

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Contact Information: 563-0237
Carrie Vogel (Elementary & Intermediate)
Julie Stone (Intermediate & Junior High)
Renee Weaver (General information)



Fun-filled Field Day

The Southern Ute Montessori Head Start geared up for spring during its annual Field Day. The day's events took place on SunUte's multi-purpose field on Wednesday, April 25. The students of Head Start and Early Head Start all participated in field events, including sack races, fishing for goodies, riding the trolley cars, facepainting and stick-horse races.

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Gathering of Nations packs UNM's The Pit



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**Southern Ute Bear Dance
Contest Powwow
May 25 & 26, 2012**

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GRAND ENTRY: FRI. 7 pm • SAT. 1 pm & 7 pm
GOURD DANCE: FRI. 5 pm - 6:30 pm • SAT. 11 am - 12:30 pm & 5 pm - 6:30 pm

HEAD STAFF

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Head Lady - Brianna Goodtracks, Ignacio, CO	Host Southern Drum - War Eagle, Oklahoma
Head Man - John Oberly, Ignacio, CO	Color Guard - Southern Ute Veterans Assoc.
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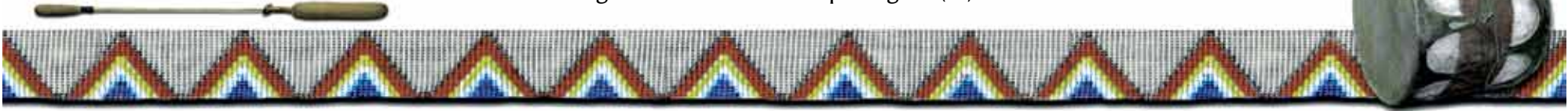
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GOLDEN AGE (50+)	FOOD VENDOR Kendra Alexander 970-563-5541
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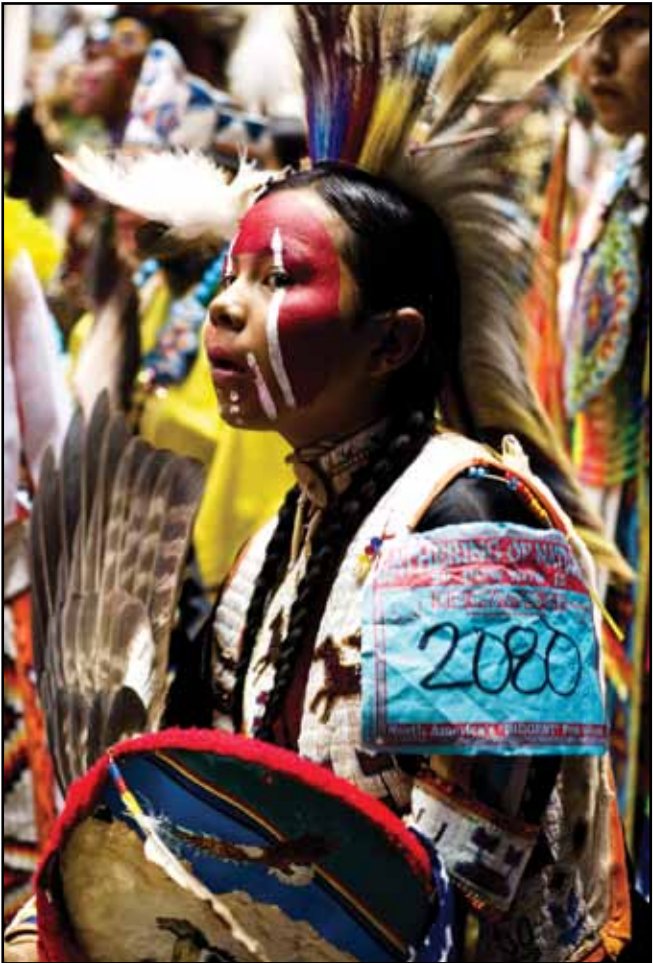
REGISTRATION: Opens Friday 5 p.m. • Closes Saturday 1 p.m.

The Powwow Committee will not be responsible for accidents, injuries or theft.
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The Gathering of Nations Powwow celebrated its 29th consecutive year in Albuquerque at the University of New Mexico's arena, The Pit, from Thursday, April 26 through Saturday, April 28. Tribal dancers, singers and veterans convened for grand entry ceremonies throughout the weekend. Saturday night events included the crowning of Miss Indian World, which went to Jessa Rae Growing Thunder of Durango. Growing Thunder is a student at Fort Lewis College and a member of the Fort Peck Assiniboine/Sioux tribes. Stage 49 hosted a variety of young talent, giving live performances well into the evening. Vendors, artists and performers also played vibrant roles in the weekend celebration. A special event for veterans of World War II took place on Saturday, specially honoring the Navajo Code Talkers Association and those of its living members who could be present for the occasion.



NORTHERN UTE BEAR DANCE

2012

Bear Dance Chiefs:
Antonio Kanip, Jr.
(Golden Boy)
Reffel Kanip

Bear Dance Pow-Wow
Ft. Duchesne Gymnasium
Grand Entries at 7:00 PM.
(both nights)

Master of Ceremony:
George Abeyta, Ft. Washike, Wyoming
*Host Drum: Iron Horse
From the Great State of Washington*

Arena Director:
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Drum Split: \$2,000.00
Contest in all dance categories

Pow-wow Special:
Turkey Dance May 12-2012
Honoring Past Ute Chiefs
\$500.00 Winner take all
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Sponsored by the Spring Celebration Committee
Powwow info: Dan Caspooch 435-724-2451
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Soft Ball Tournament:
May 11, 12, 2012
Entry Fee: \$300.00
Embroidered Championship Jackets

Hand Game Tournament:
3-Man Scramble with 1st Place
\$1,000.00 guaranteed on May 11, 2012
\$20.00 per registration 5-7 p.m.

2-5 Tourneys with 1st Place \$4,000.00
Entry Fee \$150.00 registration for 1-3 PM.
on May 12, 2012

3-Man with 1st Place \$1,000.00 guaranteed
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May 13, 2012
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Northern Ute Bear Dance
POW-WOW MAY 11, 12, 13, 14, 2012

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Fort Duchesne, Utah

Feast Day: May 14, 2012
at 2:00 PM.

Head Start Bear Dance
Opening Ceremony
May 10, 2012 at 10:00 am.



Mr. Olguin goes to Washington • from page 1

room on the the 11th floor, the building’s highest.

For the next two hours, Olguin practices reading his fracking testimony while Mills times it on his phone — he’ll have exactly five minutes in the following day’s hearing, after which he’ll be unceremoniously cut off. Boos suggests the whole thing sounds too “even-handed.”

“Don’t you want to sound more pissed off?” he asks, pointing out the whole hearing is about the government’s failure to ask tribes for input before drafting rules that threaten severe financial damage if they’re approved.

Olguin agrees: The opener needs more edge. After several rounds of tweaking, it’s finally ready:

“We do not believe that the BLM has engaged in effective tribal consultation on its proposed rules. At Southern Ute, we have a long history of energy development and have used fracking for many decades. If BLM had worked with us and other energy tribes to develop the proposed rules, we believe the draft rules would be much better. Instead, we were asked to consult and then handed rules that had already been drafted.”

His testimony continues with concerns about specific provisions in the rules, such as one that would require a detailed fracking plan to be submitted to the BLM 30 days before operations commence. That’s not only cumbersome, he says, it’s illogical: The plans take shape using information gathered during the drilling of wells, not before.

He wraps up by asserting that if oil and gas operators begin to face more unnecessary regulations on tribal lands, the business — and, by extension, its employment opportunities and tax dollars — will go elsewhere. Mills taps his phone to kill the stopwatch. Four minutes, 56 seconds. Perfect.

Outside, the light has begun to dim toward a grayish gloaming. Day workers begin to pour onto the streets and into endless lines of cabs, headed home or to casual-dining establishments to unwind with friends. The Southern Ute group, though, merely stands, collects their papers, and moves to the conference room next-door for another meeting.

As they sip on much-needed coffee and bottled water, attorneys for other tribes steadily wander in. Eventually the room is full, with a dozen or more high-powered legal minds gathered around the table to review their clients’ positions and ensure everyone will be on the same page tomorrow during the hearing. Olguin, though, seems to be the only elected tribal official who has made a point to be there.

Fortuitously, it appears the tribes already share the same primary concern: The government should have talked to us, should have sought our participation in drafting these rules. The attorneys discuss which House members are likely to be there, and what positions they’re likely to take. Who is pro-tribal sovereignty? Who is anti-fossil fuel? The general mood in the room is one of righteous indignation tempered by anxiety. There are six tribal leaders slated to speak at the hearing, including Olguin and Chairwoman Irene Cuch of the Ute Indian Tribe Business Council.

When the meeting draws to a close an hour later, it’s the end of the official agenda for the day. The men grab a

cab downstairs and return to the hotel. The work is far from done, though: Each of them will continue to work late into the evening, putting the finishing touches on their respective contributions to the next day’s proceedings.

The big day

At breakfast on Thursday morning, each man, including Kogovsek, assumes the same seat at the same table. The travelers are upbeat, eager to get started. Copies of the final version of Olguin’s testimony are circulated for one last round of feedback. The genial lobbyist treats everyone again, and then, finally, it’s time for the vice chairman to do what he came here to do.

The group piles into another taxi van and shuttles a short distance to another stonework building, where they unload to find a line of well-groomed professional types waiting in purposeful stances in a line that winds out the front door, down the steps, and onto the sidewalk. It’s a familiar scene in post-9/11 Washington, and one in which the group would find itself several times.

Hold it right there sir, empty your pockets, remove your belt, OK, step through the machine, collect your belongings, have a nice day, sir.

Once each member is through and once again fully attired, the group ascends to the scheduled meeting room. They’re nearly the first ones there, behind only a woman whose job it is to professionally stand in lines holding other people’s spots. The sign near the door reads “Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs.”

The hearing room isn’t yet open, so Olguin takes a moment to seek final clarification on a few points from Siesser, who describes the various measures taken in each Southern Ute well to prevent gas seepage. Olguin, who has worked in natural resources for years, nods along; if the vice chairman is nervous about his big day, he isn’t showing it.

The doors open and the room gradually fills, with most of the attorneys from the previous afternoon’s meeting reappearing alongside tribal leaders such as T.J. Show of the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council and the renowned Tex Hall of the Three Affiliated Tribes of North Dakota.

The House members are last to enter. They slip in through a door in the far back of the room and quietly take their seats. There are three who make the lion’s share of the comments: Rep. Don Young, the committee chairman and a Republican from Alaska; Rep. Dan Boren, the ranking member and a Democrat from Oklahoma; and Rep. Dale Kildee, a Democrat from Michigan with a longtime reputation for siding with tribes in government affairs.

Young wastes no time in his opening statement lambasting the BLM’s perceived failure to live up to its obligations.

“While the Department of Interior gets an A for promises made to tribe, it gets an F for promises actually kept,” he says. “This is not a minor issue. It is a violation of tribal sovereignty. ... This will be nothing less than another breach of a United States trust to Native American Indians.”

Young’s comments set the tone for the rest of the meeting, which sees the committee in virtual unanimity side



photos Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Vice Chairman James M. Olguin of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council gives testimony in the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs in Washington, D.C., on Thursday, April 19. Olguin was there to support a bill that would ease requirements for tribes to conduct their own energy development.

with the tribes. Little pity is spared for the BLM, which claims it carried out consultations to the best of its understanding of the new policy. Bureau representative Tim Spisak, whom Young calls a “lackey” sent to take the beating when Interior Secretary Ken Salazar should have been there, does exactly that. Rather than try to defend his employer’s actions, he offers a sheepish concession.

“The BLM is learning how to do this consultation,” he says. “The policy came out in December, and we’re trying to be more open in how we’re providing information. I think we can say that there were some things that we certainly could have done better.”

This does little to placate Kildee, who blames the BLM for perpetuating the culture of treating sovereign tribes as something less than equals to the federal government.

“In my 36 years here in Congress, I’ve been fighting that, but we still see it. There’s an idea there that this sovereignty is not quite like other sovereignty,” he says. “The Constitution is quite clear there. Treat them as the equals they are.”

Olguin and the other tribal leaders don’t get a chance to speak until after Spisak wraps up his own testimony and, in a move that angers some, promptly leaves the room. The tribal leaders nevertheless press on.

“We are not in favor of a rule without consultation. He left out the door. I don’t appreciate that; it’s like they’re afraid to talk to tribes,” Hall says, opting to give comments off the cuff rather than read a prepared statement. “These are our lands; they’re not BLM’s lands. They are not public lands. What happened to this thing? This thing’s gotten out of control.”

Next up is Cuch from Utah’s Uintah and Ouray Reservation.

“It would be impossible to tell you all the problems [with the proposed rules] in five minutes,” she says. “The BLM never discussed this rule with my tribe. It should have. The tribe is a major domestic energy producer. The BLM needs to postpone this rule and restart with consultation with tribes.”

When it’s Olguin’s turn,



James M. Olguin, vice chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council, reviews his testimony on Wednesday, April 18 for the following day’s U.S. House of Representatives hearing at the law offices of Drinker, Biddle and Reath LLC in downtown Washington, D.C.

he carefully reads the prepared testimony, hitting on many of the same topics. Additionally, he raises concerns about the bureau’s ability to actually implement the new rules should they pass.

“The BLM does not have adequate staff to process any additional duties in a timely fashion — in fact, existing staff may not be qualified to do so at all,” he says. “We already deal with agencies within the Department of the Interior that are understaffed, underfunded and underqualified. Adding more federal regulators to the mix will not help things.”

The representatives nod along, apparently receptive to the message. When Olguin wraps up, Rep. Doug Lamborn, R-Colo., asks how exactly the new rules will affect energy production.

“When the rules come in, it’ll force companies to move [off of tribal lands] to find the path of least resistance,” Olguin replies. “We feel that these rules interfere with our own operators. We have a very strong track record of being responsible in our development. This interference is just plain unacceptable.”

As the hearing rolls on, it becomes abundantly clear that the tribes’ testimonies are having the desired effect. With each passing comment from the committee members, their opposition to the rules becomes more strident. Boren says permitting the rules to take effect is tantamount to robbing jobs from tribal reservations, which is not something he’s interested in supporting, especially in an economic recession.

Finally, Young gives the tribal leaders the answer they’ve been seeking: “We’re

haps sharing stories about their families back home.

By necessity, lunch is a quick affair, though everyone gets a chance to sample the famous Senate bean soup, a staple in the dining room for more than a century. Kogovsek regales the group with a few more anecdotes: here’s a famous stained-glass window, here’s where somebody tried to plant a bomb in the Capitol decades ago. Olguin, meanwhile, seeks advice from Mills and Boos about the best approach to the afternoon’s issue: proposed legislation that would ease the requirements on tribes to develop energy on their own lands.

In stark contrast to the morning’s hearing, the afternoon one is a relatively straightforward affair. Everybody seems to be on the same side. Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo., is pushing for changes to the Energy Policy Act of 2005 that would gives more tribes control over their own energy development.

As the vice chairman of the committee, Barrasso also runs the hearing.

“For years, individual tribes have expressed concerns about the numerous federal laws and regulations. These rules often create significant delays and uncertainty in development proposals,” he says. “Economic development and economic opportunity: Those are the keys to a healthy, productive community.”

During Olguin’s testimony, he expresses full support for the bill, especially provisions that would relax requirements for entering into a Tribal Energy Resources Agreement. Such agreements help enable tribes to carry out certain energy-related activities without seeking federal approval each time, but since they were created in 2005, not one tribe has yet entered into one. Olguin cites several reasons why — including a lack of clarity in some definitions and an “excessive” requirement for capacity demonstrations beforehand — that the new bill aims to address.

“Over the years, you have worked on a number of legislative proposals to help us with our primary and ongoing concern: the delays and impediments to tribal energy development caused by the federal bureaucracy,” he says. “We continue to believe that the TERA alternative is the right answer to the ongoing delays. ... [This bill] is another step toward making that alternative a reality, and we urge you to move the bill forward.”

Olguin is followed by many of the other tribal leaders who also appeared in the earlier House hearing, including Cuch and Hall. Support for the bill is unanimous among them. Over the course of an hour, they take questions from committee members on how the bill could benefit their respective tribes. There seems to be little doubt on either side of the room that the legislation is a good idea.

The committee calls the meeting to a close — and just like that, suddenly, there’s nothing left to do but pack up and call it a day (or three). Olguin and the rest of the group came to Washington to argue for the tribe’s position on two issues, and it seems they’ve won handy victories in both. The rest of the evening is spent unwinding, catching a bite to eat in a Chinatown restaurant, and turning in early for the long flight back home, where there’s plenty more work left to be done.



Tribe, CDOT, BIA join forces on State Hwy. 151 repairs

By Rodney Class-Erickson
Southern Ute Tribal Planning

There has been a great deal of work accomplished on Southern Ute transportation projects over the past 18 months — some on projects dating back to 2008.

The tribe's fiscal year 2008-2010 control schedule included a new project for an asphalt overlay of one mile of State Hwy. 151. Contract funds were awarded through the Southwest Region Office of the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs in late September 2008.

Before the project could start, it was necessary to engage in a process that allowed the tribe to take advantage of stimulus funds made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

In the interim, the State Hwy. 151 asphalt overlay project and a crack fill/chip seal/stripping project of approximately 15 miles were discussed as a possible collaboration with the Colorado Department of Transportation's Region 5 and the BIA. This collaboration is consistent with a September 2005 intergovernmental agreement between the tribe, the BIA and CDOT.

The proposed collaboration was deemed to be in the best interest of the tribe for several reasons: the longevity of one mile of overlay is approximately 5 to 10 years, verses the longevity of 15 miles of crack fill/chip seal, which is approximately 5 to 7 years; State Hwy. 151 is a route heavily traveled by tribal members to reach eastern areas of the reservation; this portion of the highway is one of the substantial lengths of roadway still in need of crack fill/chip seal; the highway would not be included as a major CDOT project until the 2030 plan project was completed; and it allows the tribe to maximize use of the available funds.

In August 2011, the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council approved a request to revise the scope of work and budget to allow the collaborative project with CDOT to move forward. The tribe's contribution to this project is to provide the chips, delivered to a CDOT staging area. In return, CDOT will utilize their contractual process to accomplish the chip seal project using the chips provided.

As a result of tribe's willingness to collaborate on this project and maximize the use



photo courtesy Rodney Class-Erickson/SU Tribal Planning

of funds, CDOT Region 5 opted to make a significant additional budgetary contribution to the project. The initial expectation was for approximately 15 miles of chip seal, which would extend from La Boca Road and State Hwy. 151 to somewhere between Allison and Arboles.

The state's additional contribution will allow neces-

sary road improvements to be made on the entire length of State Hwy. 151 and the chip sealing of the remaining roadway, which is not covered by the chips purchased by tribe. The entire route will be chip sealed from Ignacio to the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 160 near Lake Capote — more than 33 miles of roadway improvement.

An old knot with a new purpose

By Don Oliver
Special to the Drum

Somehow, my thoughts are being stolen.

From time to time, just when I get a great idea on a subject to write about, a story with a similar topic will appear in some fly-fishing magazine. Well, it has happened yet again, and the voices in my head are starting to get paranoid.

I recently attended the annual spring fly-fishing seminar hosted by Duranglers. And despite my "I know as much as these guys" attitude, I did manage to learn something new.

This year, one of the seminars was about a technique for catching more trout. Since I like catching more of anything, I decided to attend. It was presented by a gentleman named Frank, who is one of the fly-fishing manufacturers representatives for this area.

I was expecting to see new a fly or an improved casting style. Instead, Frank was there to talk about using a tried-and-true knot in a different way.

I was skeptical at first. I knew how to tie the knots I needed, and the ones I don't know, I'd look up. Frank's

presentation was about using the non-slip mono loop with dry flies.

I've used this knot with streamers, as I'm sure many of you have, but never with a dry fly. It's an easy knot to tie. When tied correctly, there is a small amount of space left between the fly and the knot.

Frank's argument was that this knot will allow the dry fly to look more natural as it drifts with the river's current. Frank went on to say that when you use a clinch knot (the usual choice), the fly looks as if it is being dragged through the water with little or no sideways movement a real bug would have.

Being a person with a steel-trap scientific mind, I knew I had to test this theory. I ventured onto a stream and began the test. I cast onto slow water, fast water, along the seams, and anywhere else I could find.

And it worked. The dry fly did float and drift more naturally. Further, it fooled a fair number of trout and one tree.

Frank had assured everyone the knot was extremely strong. I found this to be true when I attempted to pull my fly from the aforementioned tree and had my leader, not the knot, part.



May 2012 Cultural Events

For more information, call Darlene or Dr. Oberly 970-563-0100 ext. 3620 or 2306.

Ribbon Dress and Shirt Making Workshop

Tuesday, May 1, 2012
Multi-purpose Facility
5:30-8:30 p.m.



Ute Nations Day

Friday, May 25, 2012
9:00 am-11:30
Sun Ute Multi-purpose Field

Bear Dance Workshop

Open to all tribal employees, schools and community members interested in learning to dance in the upcoming Southern Ute Bear Dance.

Monday, May 7, 2012
Multi-purpose Facility
1:00-3:00 p.m.



Southern Ute Bear Dance

May 25-28, 2012
Starts 10:30 am
Feast on Monday at Noon
Bear Dance Grounds

Bear Dance Kick Off Lunch

Friday, May 25, 2012
12:00 am-2:00
Sun Ute Multi-purpose Field

Day of Remembrance

Monday, May 28, 2012
10:00 am
Veteran's Memorial Park

CenturyLink offers telephone assistance to individuals living on Tribal Lands

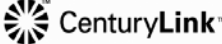
Low-income consumers may qualify for assistance that will reduce the cost of basic monthly telephone service. The assistance program, known as Lifeline Affordable Telephone Assistance, is available to qualifying consumers in every U.S. state (territory and commonwealth). Qualifications for participation vary by state. In states that follow the federal guidelines, the subscriber must have a household annual gross income at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines for a household of that size; or participate in any one of the following programs: Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (Food Stamps), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8), Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), National School Lunch Program's Free Lunch Program, or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

Residents of American Indian and Alaskan Native tribal lands may qualify for up to an additional \$25 of enhanced Lifeline support monthly and a credit of up to \$100 on their initial installation charges. An individual living on tribal lands may qualify for Lifeline and Link-Up discounts if he or she participates in one of the programs listed above, the Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance, Tribally Administered Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, or Head Start (only for those households meeting its income qualifying standard).

Lifeline eligible subscribers may also qualify for reliable home high-speed Internet service up to 1.5Mbps for \$9.95* per month for the first 12 months of service. Further details are available at centurylink.com/internetbasics

If you live in a CenturyLink service area, please call 1-800-244-1111 or visit centurylink.com/lifeline with questions or to request an application for the Lifeline program.

*CenturyLink Internet Basics Program - Residential customers only who qualify based on meeting income level or program participation eligibility requirements, and requires remaining eligible for the entire offer period. First bill will include charges for the first full month of service billed in advance, pre-paid charges for service from the date of installation to bill date, and one-time charges and fees described above. Qualifying customers may keep this program for a maximum of 60 months after service activation provided customer still qualifies during that time. Listed High-Speed Internet rate of \$9.95/mo. applies for first 12 months of service (after which the rate reverts to \$14.95/mo. for the next 48 months of service), and requires a 12-month term agreement. Customer must either lease a modem/router from CenturyLink for an additional monthly charge or purchase a modem/router from CenturyLink for a one-time charge, and a one-time High-Speed Internet activation fee applies. A one-time professional installation charge (if selected by customer) and a one-time shipping and handling fee applies to customer's modem/router. General - Services not available everywhere. CenturyLink may change or cancel services or substitute similar services at its sole discretion without notice. Offer, plans, and stated rates are subject to change and may vary by service area. Deposits may be required. Additional restrictions apply. Terms and Conditions - All products and services listed are governed by terms of service, or terms and conditions posted at centurylink.com. Taxes, Fees, and Surcharges - Applicable taxes, fees, and surcharges include a carrier Universal Service charge, carrier cost recovery surcharges, state and local fees that vary by area and certain in-state surcharges. Cost recovery fees are not taxes or government-required charges for use. Taxes, fees, and surcharges apply based on standard monthly, not promotional, rates.



SOUTHERN UTE BEAR DANCE

MAY 25 – 28, 2012

CHIEF: MATTHEW BOX
2ND CHIEFS: JAKE RYDER AND JOHN CHAVARILLO



BEAR DANCING STARTS 10:30 A.M.
BEAR DANCE FEAST MAY 28, 12 NOON
BEAR DANCE GROUNDS, IGNACIO, COLO.

NO SHORT DRESSES OR BAGGY PANTS WHILE DANCING.
PHONE PHOTOS OR VIDEOS AND AUDIO RECORDING ARE NOT ALLOWED, EXCEPT BY MEMBERS OF UTE TRIBES. THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE WILL NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS, INJURIES OR THEFT. THE PINE RIVER IS RESTRICTED.
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 970-563-0100 EXT. 2306.



Chimney Rock • from page 1

Springs, wrote a letter to the president expressing the community's strong support for the idea. The Board of County Commissioners of Archuleta County also sent a letter expressing their unanimous support for protecting Chimney Rock as a national monument.

"Despite its well-recognized historic and cultural values, and the generous efforts of our community's volunteers, Chimney Rock lacks the protection it deserves," Aragón wrote. "National monument designation would provide that protection, and help to ensure the area's stewardship into the future. In addition, the recognition provided by national monument designation would provide a much-needed boost to our community, which continues to suffer from one of the highest unemployment rates in Colorado."

"Chimney Rock is a treasure of national significance, offering visitors a window into early Pueblo people's culture, architecture, and astronomical understanding," the Archuleta County commissioners wrote in their letter. "The greater recognition and visibility associated with national monument designation for Chimney Rock will add heritage tourism to the list of key economic drivers, bolstering our county's tourism businesses that continue to struggle with the lagging recession."

"The Pagosa Springs Chamber of Commerce hopes that the community and federal agencies can come together on a bipartisan level to discuss moving this very important designation of Chimney Rock as a national monument under the Antiquities Act," said Mary Jo Coulehan, executive director of the Pagosa Springs Chamber of Commerce. "While we had hoped that the designation process would have made it through the legislative process, we would encourage President Obama to set up a dialogue



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"The greater recognition and visibility associated with national monument designation for Chimney Rock will add heritage tourism to the list of key economic drivers."

– Archuleta County commissioners

to consider moving this southwest Colorado treasure to a protected status as a national monument."

The 4,700-acre site located on San Juan National Forest land is recognized as perhaps the most significant historical site managed by the entire U.S. Forest Service.

Between the years 900 and 1150, the ancestors of modern Pueblo Indians occupied

the surrounding lands, and the site remains of cultural significance to many descendant tribes. Hundreds of cultural elements surround Chimney Rock's soaring twin rock spires, including the Great House Pueblo.

Every 18.6 years, the moon, as seen from the Great House Pueblo, rises between the rock spires during an event known as the Northern Lunar Standstill.

The Antiquities Act of 1906 grants the president the authority to proclaim, by executive order, sites of historical significance as national monuments, garnering protection.

Bennet has introduced a bill in the Senate, cosponsored by Udall, to establish Chimney Rock as a national monument. Tipton has introduced a similar bill in the House of Representatives. Both bills have received committee hearings.

In the last Congress, the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, of which Udall is a member, passed Bennet's bill with broad bipartisan support.

SunUte update

"To expand and improve the quality of life for the Southern Ute tribal members and surrounding communities by stimulating social, physical, emotional, mental, cultural, and spiritual growth through recreational activities."



Youth Swim Club

May-July 2012, every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the SunUte pool. No additional cost for swim club. Members are free; drop-ins pay \$4 daily. The goal is to introduce all young swimmers to a competitive swimming environment and to train the Native youth to compete in the Tri-Ute and Indigenous games. The child must be able to swim at least one complete length of the pool without stopping (25 yards). Each child will need a swimsuit (one-piece for girls), a swim cap (for those with long hair), and goggles. Children must be between the ages of 8 and 17 to participate.

Mid America May Madness Shootout

May 5 and 6. All teams are invited to play. Grade levels are boys third through eighth grades and high school divisions, and girls third through eighth grades and high school divisions. Games will be played at the SunUte Community Center and Ignacio Junior High and High schools. Register online at www.mayb.com or call 316-284-0354. Hotel accommodations at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. For reservations, call 800-876-7017 or visit www.skyutecasino.com. Mention or enter "MAYB Basketball" to receive the discounted rate.

May Madness Softball Tourney

Tournament will take place May 12 and 13. Entry fee is \$300. All teams must pay at SunUte before their first game. Men's teams will hit their own Core .44 balls, and women will hit their own Core .47 balls. ASA and USSSA stamped bats only. Awards will be given for first through third place, All-Tourneys, and MVP. No homerun limit.

Fishing Derby at Scott's Pond

May 19 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Southern Ute tribal members and immediate family members only. Free! 50 tagged fish. Awesome prizes, including cash prizes. Fishing classes will be available upon request. Barbeque lunch provided while it lasts from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Water will be available throughout this event. Limited fishing rods and tackle available for tribal member usage only.

Los Pinos Softball Tournament

May 26 and 27. Open Men's and Women's. Entry fee: \$300. All teams must pay at SunUte before their first game. Men's teams will hit their own Core .44 and women hit Core .47. Awards will be given for first through third place, All-Tourneys, MVP. No homerun limit. Only approved ASA bats on current bat list will be allowed.

Archery Club

Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Archery Club will start Monday, May 7 at the SunUte Archery Range. Youth ages 8 to 17 welcome. No experience necessary. Learn basic archery fundamentals and have some fun doing it. Free!

Summer swim lessons at SunUte

Registration begins May 4. First session begins June 4. We are offering two-week sessions starting June 4. Classes will be 40 minutes long on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. A two-week session is \$36. Enrolled tribal members are free. Maximum of six children per class. Maximum age is 4 years old. Provided in cooperation with the American Red Cross' Learn to Swim Program. Sessions: June 4-15, June 18-29, July 9-20 and Aug. 6-17. If you want a specific time, please sign up soon. Levels: Level 1: Comfort. Introduction to water. Submerge face, kicking, bobbing, floating, and introduction to front crawl. Level 2: Stroke development. Front crawl, back crawl, breaststroke, elementary backstroke and rotary breathing. Level 3: Skills building. Deep-water treading, breaststroke, elementary backstroke, butterfly, flip turns, diving, etc. Parent/tots class: Only offered during Session 1 at 9 a.m. This class is for children ages 6 months to 3 years. Parents or guardians will have fun in the water with their children exploring water, games and safety. Times: 9-9:40 a.m., 9:45-10:25 a.m., and 10:30-11:10 a.m. (Level I, II & II). Classes may be divided by age depending upon enrollment. Sign up at the front desk after May 4 and pay for the class to hold your spot.

Become a Red Cross lifeguard

Registration closes Friday, June 1. Tuesdays and Thursdays: June 5, 7, 12 and 14 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost: \$100 per student. Full reimbursement for participants who become SunUte lifeguards and stay for six months. Class free for Southern Ute tribal members. Must be at least 16 years old. Must be able to get in the pool and participate all four days. Must be able to swim 300 yards (six laps in the pool) using front crawl and breaststroke without stopping. Must be able to tread water for two minutes using legs only. Must be able to retrieve a 10-pound brick from the 11-foot-deep end and swim 20 yards with both hands on the brick within 1:40. Must obtain 80 percent on the written exams. Must be able to perform the final lifeguarding skills and scenarios proficiently. Successful participants will receive a two-year certification for lifeguarding, CPR/AED, and First Aid. Bring lunch, snacks and water!

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

Of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe • On the Southern Ute Reservation
PO Box 737 #149, CR 517, Ignacio, CO • 970-563-0240

In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2012-NC-019 NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE Walter Reynolds Jr., Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Walter Reynolds Jr. filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Walter Jim Roubideaux Reynolds Jr.. As of April 9, 2012 at 3:00 pm no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Walter Reynolds Jr. name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Walter Jim Roubideaux Reynolds Jr.

Dated this 10th day of April, 2012.
Suzanne F. Carlson, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2012-NC-020 NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE Walter Darwin Reynolds III, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Walter Darwin Reynolds III filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Walter Darwin Roubideaux Reynolds III. As of April 9, 2012 at 3:00 pm no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Walter Darwin Reynolds III name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Walter Darwin Roubideaux Reynolds III.

Dated this 10th day of April, 2012.
Suzanne F. Carlson, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2012-NC-022 NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE Erika Jennifer Antoinette M Goodtracks, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Erika Jennifer Antoinette M Goodtracks filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Jennifer Mayanda-Gre-Mi Antoinette Goodtracks. As of April 16, 2012 at 9:00 am no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Erika Jennifer Antoinette M Goodtracks name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Jennifer Mayanda-Gre-Mi Antoinette Goodtracks.

Dated this 16th day of April, 2012.
Chantel Cloud, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2012-NC-027 NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE Jaela Rae Porambo, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Jaela Rae Porambo filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Jaela Lucinda Rae Velasco. As of April 9, 2012 at 2:30 pm no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Jaela Rae Porambo name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Jaela Lucinda Rae Velasco.

Dated this 10th day of April, 2012.
Chantel Cloud, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2012-NC-028 NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE Kylan Porambo, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Kylan Porambo filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Kylan Jacob Velasco. As of April 9, 2012 at 2:30 pm no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Kylan Porambo name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Kylan Jacob Velasco.

Dated this 10th day of April, 2012.
Chantel Cloud, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2012-NC-044 NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE Marquise Javier Salazar, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Marquise Javier Salazar has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Marquise Javier Cibrian. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than May 28, 2012 at 5:00 pm. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 2nd day of April, 2012.
Karla Tucson, Deputy Court Clerk

2012 TRI-UTE GAMES

When: **July 24th - 27th, 2012**

Where: **Towaoc, Co**

Sports: **Basketball, Volleyball, Golf, Archery, Bowling, Swimming, Cross Country, Ultimate Warrior (Triathlon), Skateboard, Hand Game**

Who: **Enrolled Tribal members and Tribal Descendants**

Age Groups: **9-18**

The purpose of the games is to come together so our children can get to know each other better, to foster friendship between the Northern Ute, Southern Ute, and the Ute Mountain Ute tribes.

For more information please contact the SunUte Recreation Department.

(970)563-0214

****Coaches/ Volunteers needed****





Southern Ute Growth Fund - Job announcements

Obtain complete job descriptions and applications from the Growth Fund Human Resources, 14933 Hwy. 172 • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO • 970-563-5064 • rtaylor@sugf.com
Tribal member employment preference, must pass pre-employment drug test & criminal history.

Land Records Analyst I

Closing 5/23/12 – Red Willow Production Co. Ignacio, CO. Analyzes oil and gas leases, assignments and other documents to setup and maintain interests and obligations in electronic database. Obtains and maintains orderly and accurate land records for Company interest properties.

Land Records Analyst II

Closing 5/23/12 – Red Willow Production Co. Ignacio, CO. Responsible for analyzing and interpreting oil and gas leases, assignments and various documents to document and maintain orderly and accurate land records for all Company interest properties.

Engineering Technician II

Closing 5/12/12 – Red Willow Production Co. Ignacio, CO. This position provides advanced technical support to the Engineering and Development Department involving input, extraction, processing, and manipulation of data associated with company software programs.

Engineering Technician III

Closing 5/12/12 – Red Willow Production Co. Ignacio, CO. This position independently performs administrative duties and provides advanced technical support involving input, extraction, processing, manipulation and analysis of data.

SUCAP – Job announcements

Southern Ute Community Action Program
Central Office • 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO • 970-563-4517
Obtain complete job description/application from SUCAP offices.

Early Care Educator

Open until filled – So. Ute Early Head Start
Exceptional opportunity for those who love children. Full-time. Must have High School/ GED and CDA, AA, or Infant/Toddler Certification; BA in Early Childhood Education preferred. Must pass background checks. Pay based on education/experience. Call Melanie Brunson at 970-563-4566 for more information.

After School Director

Closing date 5/11/12 – SUCAP
Dynamic leader needed! Will implement after school program in the Ignacio School district; oversee, plan and collect data for a new program with SUCAP. Must have a BA/BS in Education, Social Sciences, or related field. 2 years experience implementing programs for youth.

Must pass background checks and be insurable by SUCAP.

Maintenance Person

Open until filled – SUCAP Senior Center
Full-time maintenance person for the SUCAP Senior Center. Mow lawns, trim trees/shrubs, do regular maintenance and repairs on equipment, and janitorial duties. Must have valid drivers license and be able to lift at least 50 pounds.

Residential Assistant

Open until filled – Peaceful Spirit/SUCAP
Full-time. Must have High School Diploma/ GED, 2 years of continuous sobriety. Must be available to work weekends, nights, midnight shifts, irregular shifts and holidays. Must pass criminal history background check.

**SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
Powwow Committee vacancy**

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has four Powwow Committee Member vacancies. Must be an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members or a Native American community member. Members serve on a voluntary basis. The responsibility of the Southern Ute Indian Powwow Committee is to promote the traditions and culture of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe through powwows. All interests individuals are urged to submit a letter of intent to Personnel Department in the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building.

**FORT LEWIS COLLEGE
Office Manager**

Fort Lewis College is seeking an Office Manager for the Educational Talent Search Program. The program serves students by offering assistance with college, financial aid and scholarship applications as well as career and college exploration, tutoring, college tours, and family workshops. A Bachelor's degree, a valid driver's license, and the ability to work evenings and weekends are required. This is a 22-hour work week/11 month position with benefits. Please visit www.fortlewis.edu/jobs and click on "Exempt Positions" to be directed to detailed job information including minimum qualifications and the application process. Applications received by May 11, 2012 will be given full consideration. Fort Lewis College is an AA/EO Employer.

**COLORADO COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
Notice for two At-Large member positions**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs (CCIA) is soliciting candidates for two At-Large Commissioner positions (volunteer) for 2012/2013. Please send electronic copies of: 1) Cover Letter of Interest; 2) Resume. Letters of interest and resumes must be submitted to Ernest.House@state.co.us by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 11, or earlier. If you do not have email access or require accommodations, please contact our office at 303-866-2087. CCIA At-Large members are voting members of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs who serve one-year terms starting from July 1 – June 30. CCIA meets quarterly throughout the year and travel costs for At-Large members are covered by the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs. If you would like further information on At-Large membership or have any questions, please contact 303-866-5470. The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe will host the next CCIA Quarterly Commission meeting in Towaoc, Colorado on June 1. Applicants are welcome to attend the meeting at their own expense, but are not required. Applicants will be notified of results after the June 1, CCIA Quarterly Commission meeting.

**Attention Tribal Hunters:
Annual Brunot Area Rare Game Permitting Lottery**

Included with Brunot Area hunting available to Southern Ute Tribal hunters is the opportunity to pursue rare big game, including Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, moose, and mountain goat. Due to the rarity of these animals within the Brunot Area, only a limited number of permits will be available each year through an application and random draw process administered by the Southern Ute Wildlife Division. Tribal hunters may apply to receive a permit during the month of May only, and drawings and notifications will be made in June. The window for submitting an application is Tuesday, May 1 through Thursday, May 31. Applications must be signed by the applicant and received by hand-delivery or postmarked during the application window. Please note that if you apply but are not drawn for a permit in a given year, you will receive a "bonus point" toward drawings for that hunt type in the future. The more bonus points you accrue, the better your chances are at being drawn. Applications are available free-of-charge to enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members only. Applications must be obtained and submitted through the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. For information, contact the Division at 970-563-0130.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Job announcements

Please refer to the complete Job Announcement and Requirements in the Human Resources Dept. P.O. Box 737 • Ignacio, CO 81137 • www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs
Phone: 970-563-0100 • Fax: 970-563-0396 • Hotline: 970-563-4777
*Human Resources accepts applications for Temporary Employment on an on-going basis.

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Manager

Closing date 5/3/12
Provides technical support for the CAD/GIS staff, including general support for GIS products used within the Tribe. Provides support to GIS staff, maintains geospatial databases, and produces standard cartographic products for SUIT entities. Pay grade 21; \$53,373/yr.

Media Coordinator

Closes 05/17/2012
Develops and implements juvenile mentor programs and volunteers to form long-lasting, encouraging relationships between youth and members of the community. Pay grade 17; \$16.96/hr.

Sr. Detention Officer

Closes 05/17/2012
Under general supervision of the Detention

Sergeant maintains the safety and wellness of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the Detention Center. Pay grade 18; \$18.6 /hr.

Tribal Ranger

Closes 05/18/2012
Under General Supervision of Wildlife Captain, assures compliance of all Tribal Natural Resource Codes, Laws, Ordinances, Regulations and Policies. Pay grade 18; \$18.62/hr.

Clinical Information Technologist

Closes 05/18/2012
Under general direction of the Tribal Health Director serves as the clinical information technologist and chief software architect for the Southern Ute Tribal Health Department and the Southern Ute Health Center. Pay grade 23; \$65,584/yr.

A great new way to find out about job opportunities 24 hours a day, seven days a week! The job hotline lists the job title and closing date for both Permanent Fund and Growth Fund positions. Full job announcement including qualifications in Human Resource Department. Hotline is updated weekly.

Sky Ute Casino Resort – Job announcements

Human Resources Department: 970-563-1311 • Fax: 970-563-1419
P.O. Box 340 • Ignacio, CO 81137 • Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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Beverage/Cocktail Server-Circle Bar FT 5/7/12
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Rounds Cook-Rolling Thunder – TMP, 5/4/12
Wait Staff-Rolling Thunder – FT, 5/4/12

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Bell Person – FT, 5/4/12
Salon
Cosmetologist – PT no/benefits, 5/4/12
Table Games
Multi-Games Dealer – TMP, 5/4/12

Preference given to qualified Southern Ute tribal members and other Native Americans.
FT: Full-time; PT: Part-time; OC: On-call; TMP: Temporary.

Ignacio School District – Job Announcements

Application/Information: 970-563-0500 ext. 221
Job descriptions and application can be found at: www.ignacio.k12.co.us
Ignacio School District is accepting applications for the 2012-2013 school year

School Social Worker/Attendance Case Manager

Open until filled - Ignacio School District has an opening for a School Social Worker/Attendance Case Manager for the 2012-2013 school year. Applicant must have a MA in Social Work and a CDE license for school social work.

Requests For Bids

**HEALTH AND WELLNESS POWWOW COMMITTEE
CATERING SERVICES FOR HEALTH AND WELLNESS POWWOW**

The Health and Wellness Powwow committee is now accepting bids for catering for the upcoming Health and Wellness Powwow, taking place Oct. 20, 2012. All bids must be turned in, in writing, by July 1, to be considered. A menu must be planned, included with the specific recipes. Catering will be planned for 500 people, for the meal break at 5 PM at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds. Preference will be given to caterers and their servers/helpers who have food handlers certificates,

or able to obtain prior to the event. Each interested caterer will be asked to turn in two bids, 1 will include set-up and clean up of all meal related items, 2 the other bid should be for cooking and food preparation only (committee and volunteers can be responsible for set up and clean up). If interested in catering this event, please call the Southern Ute Shining Mountain Diabetes program at 970-563-4741.

BP - Job Announcements

For in-depth information on this position and to join our team, visit our website at: www.bp.com/epcareers. BP is seeking the following positions. BP is an equal opportunity employer.
Click on the "View Jobs" under the "HSSE" category or click "Submit Resume/CV" and then click "Search Openings" and type in Req ID#.

#32715BR Operations Pipeline Technician

Durango, CO. The Operations Pipeline Technician will primarily be responsible for pipeline maintenance activities including pigging, valve greasing, defect elimination, and Department of Transportation (DOT) compliance activities.

#33170BR Line Locator Technician

Durango, CO. The Line Locator Technician will primarily be responsible for locating underground facilities in response to UNCC one-call requirements. The Line Locator Technician must comply with laws and regulations while fostering a positive public image of our organization.

In compliance with Title 17 of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Employment Rights Code, BP will give preference to individuals covered by the Code for purposes of hiring, promotion, lay-off, and training for work performed within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Reservation.

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Fiscal limbo

Legally, how low can the government go?

By Ace Stryker
The Southern Ute Drum

The Drum tagged along to try to make sense of it all.

U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor wasn't buying it.

Before a packed room in the nation's highest court, a lawyer was making his case for why the federal government shouldn't have to pay fully a Native American tribe when it administers a service for which the government would otherwise be responsible. Congress sets annual limits on such spending nationwide — and it's not enough to pay all tribes' contracts, the argument went, so the obligation is to pay to each tribe only what the government can, not what it promised.

If that's true, Sotomayor asked, can't the government break any contract into which it enters — with anyone — by claiming that if there's not enough money, it just can't pay, sorry?

It was one of the central questions in the Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar v. Ramah Navajo Chapter case on Wednesday, April 18: a question to which the Southern Ute Indian Tribe seeks its own answer.

Monte Mills, head of the tribe's Legal Department, and Steve Boos, outside counsel from Bradford, Maynes, Ships & Sheffel LLP in Durango, made the trip to Washington, D.C., to hear the oral arguments in the case, which could affect a related case involving the Southern Ute Health Center.

The Navajo case

In the Ramah case, the tribe agreed to provide certain social and educational services to its members, tasks belonging legally to the Department of the Interior. In return, the department promised to reimburse the cost of those services to the tribe.

It's a common agreement that has been repeated in similar form hundreds of times with tribes across the country — and therein lies the problem. By statute, the government cannot turn down a tribe that seeks such a contract and meets basic criteria. But Congress began setting spending caps in 1994 that leave the government unable to pay the full cost of all contracts each year.

Mark R. Freeman, an assistant to the U.S. solicitor general, argued for the Interior Department that the department's highest obligation is honoring the spending cap set by Congress, not the contracts it makes with tribes.

"Congress intended the secretary to resolve the relationship between these provisions in exactly the way that the secretary has," Freeman argued. "The secretary followed a uniform pro-rata distribution methodology according to the needs of each of the individual tribes. Now, that's what we thought the tribes wanted. We thought that was the fairest way to do it."



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The U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments on Wednesday, April 18 in *Salazar v. Ramah Navajo Chapter*, a case that could have implications to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. At issue is whether the federal government must pay fully tribes who contract to take over services the government otherwise provides, even if Congress has set a cap that doesn't leave enough money to pay every contract.

Arguing for the Ramah Navajo Chapter, Carter G. Phillips of the Washington office of the Sidley Austin law firm said precedent clearly indicates the government must pay tribes every cent they're owed.

"They are under a duty to make sure that there is an appropriation that covers this contract, that the amount, purpose, time requirements are all satisfied with enough money to accomplish that," he said.

The Southern Ute case

Back home, the Southern Utes have encountered a related issue with a different federal agency: the Depart-

ment of Health and Human Services. At issue is whether the government, forecasting a lack in funding, may include language in a contract restricting the tribe from seeking the full amount guaranteed by law in the first place.

In January 2005, the tribe submitted a proposal for takeover of the Southern Ute Health Center. In response, the department drew up a contract for the transfer, but included new language that would remove a portion of funding called "contract support costs" and prohibit the tribe from seeking it in the future.

Those costs approach \$1.2 million per year, according to court documents.

The tribe sued, claiming the carveout violated the Indian Self-determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975. Following several rounds of litigation, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit ruled in September 2011 that the department is required to include contract support costs,

but warned that the amount remains subject to Congress' appropriations.

"A tribe cannot be forced to enter into a self-determination contract waiving its entitlement to full CSC funding," the decision read. "Any disputes about whether funds are, in fact, available to pay the tribe's CSCs remain open and litigable."

The federal agency appealed to the Supreme Court shortly afterward, hoping that the country's final judicial authority would reverse the decision.

So what happens next?

A decision in the Ramah case is expected in June. The Supreme Court has opted to hold onto the Southern Ute case for the time being, but may issue an order at the same time it rules on the Ramah case.

That order could either grant the Health and Human Services Department's request to review the case,

reject it and affirm the lower court's decision, or execute something called a "grant, vacate and remand," in which the Supreme Court would ask the lower court to reconsider its decision in light of the Ramah outcome.

Depending on the Ramah decision, there are several possible actions Congress could take to prevent similar lawsuits in the future, Mills said.

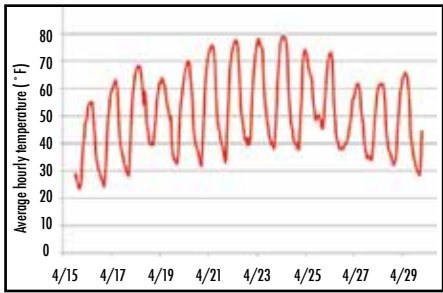
One would involve creating separate line items in the federal budget for each contract, spelling out explicitly what's appropriated. Another would be to nullify the provision of the Indian Self-determination and Education Assistance Act that requires the federal government to accept all qualifying proposed contracts, instead granting agencies the ability to reject them as needed when they feel they're short on cash.

In the meantime, the Health Center continues treating patients and receiving some — but not all — of its contract support costs.

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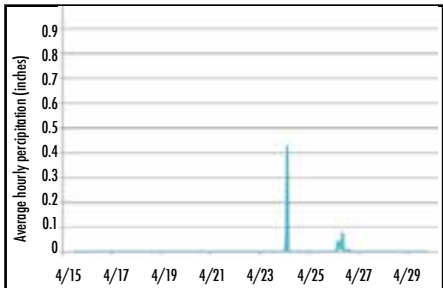


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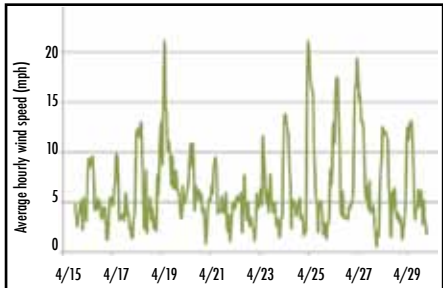
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Average last year	43.6°



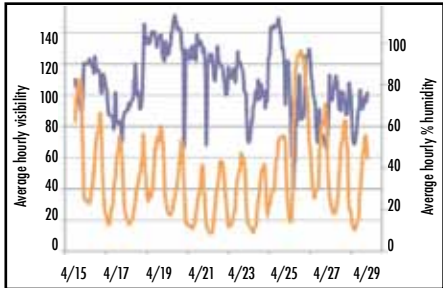
Percipitation

Total	0.47 inches
Total last year	1.64 inches



Wind speed

Average	6.1 mph
Minimum	0.9 mph
Maximum	19.5 mph



Visibility & humidity

Average visibility	90.1
Average humidity	44.6%

Air quality

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